

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Destruction of football field caught on tape

Lawn and track damage estimated at over \$20,000

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

Two separate incidents of "turfing" and other damage to property at Grayling High School, in particular the football field and track, were caught on tape by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department on Saturday, June 17.

According to the Sheriff's Department, the high school grounds had been experiencing destruction of grassy areas by motor vehicles, on average, once a week for approximately the last six weeks. The incident on June 17 produced the most damage.

Lt. Jimmy Parker responded to a complaint placed by a Grayling High School maintenance worker about 9 a.m. that day. The worker stated someone had crashed the gates guarding entry to the football stadium, then tore up the lawn, playing field and damaged the rubber running track as well.

Juvenile Liaison Officer Deputy Shawn Kraycs said three Crawford

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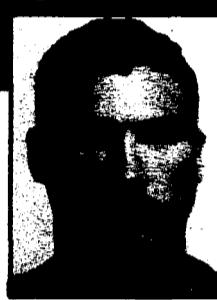
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(Top) Turfing has been a problem over the past six weeks at the school. (Right) Three local men have been arraigned on charges stemming from their alleged destruction of the GHS football field and other school property.



Casey Jo Helsel



Jeremy Michael Tuck



James Bruce Babbitt

Crawford possible site of proposed veterans cemetery

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

What would be more fitting for Crawford County than the creation of a State Military Veterans Cemetery? With the largest active National Guard installation in the country and many retired veterans living in northern Michigan, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners drafted and passed a resolution requesting the Michigan State Legislature choose the

Grayling area as its site for the proposed cemetery.

The resolution was passed unanimously at the Board's June 21 regular meeting and supports House Bill #4477. The bill calls for a military veterans' cemetery to be built on land purchased from the state and the appropriation of federal grants for its creation and operation.

State Representative Ken Bradstreet said if the residents of Crawford County pressure the state

legislature throughout the summer months, the bill may be brought to the top of the list. "A great amount of pressure shown in favor of the bill will bring it front and center," said Bradstreet.

He urges everyone who would like to see a veterans' cemetery in Crawford County to move quickly, and in great numbers, by writing letters to the Michigan Legislature supporting the cemetery. Write Bradstreet at P.O. Box 30014,

Lansing, MI 48909-7514, or fax letter to (517) 373-1841 or by e-mail to the legislator at:

kbradstreet@house.state.mi.us

"In my opinion," said Bradstreet, "there is no question... Grayling is the best choice for the proposed cemetery." He added, "I am very enthusiastic about veterans' issues and my office will do anything it can to help make the project a reality."

Bradstreet's office can be reached toll-free at 1-877-536-4105.

Two-day sale to benefit crash victim

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

A rummage and bake sale is being organized in order to raise money to help pay medical and personal expenses for accident victim Nick Kettler.

Kettler was seriously injured in an accident the evening of June 18, when the car he was riding in was hit by a semi-truck. Three of his friends lost their lives that night. Kettler's mother, Cheryl Johnson, and stepfather, Dan Johnson, reside in Alaska while Kettler stays with his grandmother in Grayling. Money for travel expenses is tight, with each roundtrip costing an average of \$500 to \$600.

Good Samaritan Tanya Brady, of Grayling, is looking for volunteers and donations for a sale to be held July 8-9 in the Grayling City Park pavilion. Hours of the sale are yet to be determined.

Donations of baked goods and nice, clean, usable items for the sale are needed.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation to the sale or would like to volunteer their time, should call Brady at (517) 348-5912 after 4 p.m.

Housing Commission helps Habitat

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

The Housing Commission (HC) Board voted at their June 14 meeting to combine efforts with the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, thereby helping itself. This is the first partnership of its kind in the

nation.

Board members agreed that by paying for installation of well and septic systems for new Habitat homes they would not only help the organization, but would be able to use the full sum of building a home toward satisfying grant require-

ments. The more grant monies used to provide county residents with suitable housing, the more grant money comes in.

"This is a win-win situation for us all," said HC Director/Inspector Cy Wakeley. "We look forward to working toward a common cause."

Unpaved roads can prove dangerous

by Cheryll Ruley

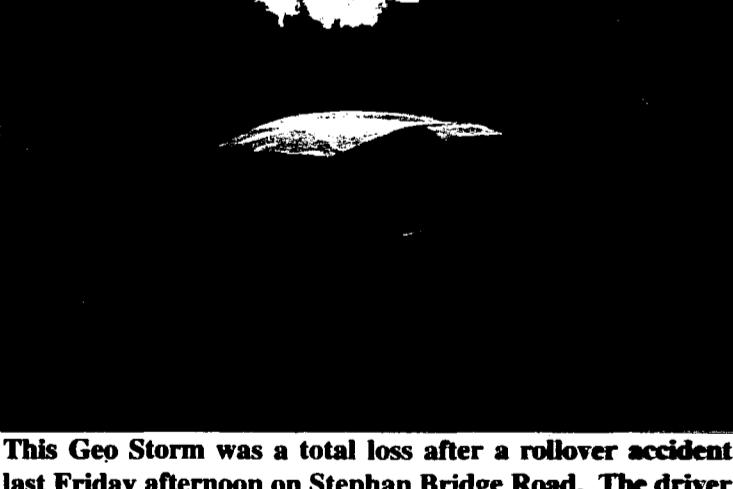
Staff Writer

Four Crawford County youths were injured when the car they were riding in rolled two-and-one-half times on Stephan Bridge Road last Friday.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Smith and North Flight EMS responded to the accident just eight-tenths of a mile south of M-72 East in Grayling Township at 2:32 p.m. on June 23.

Driving a Geo Storm was Stacey Kuhn, 16, of Grayling. According to the girl, she tried to slow down as she came down a hill and negotiated the first bend in the road. As the car entered the second curve, Kuhn said her wheels got caught up in the loose dirt and sand at the edge of the road, propelling the car into a rollover. When the car landed, it was facing the opposite direction and was badly damaged.

The teens were able to climb out of the car and walk to the Fisette



This Geo Storm was a total loss after a rollover accident last Friday afternoon on Stephan Bridge Road. The driver tried to slow down as she descended a hill and negotiated curves, but the unpaved road got the best of her.

residence and 911 was called.

Kuhn, along with her passengers, 16-year-old Kim Ruley, 15-year-old Jenna Bugyi, and 18-year-old Ryan Casey were all wearing their seat-

belts and received only minor injuries. As a precautionary measure, Ruley, Casey and Bugyi were

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Grayling Youth Booster's Club

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Second car/semi crash in a week claims another life

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Less than a mile from the Father's Day accident that took the lives of three Crawford County teens and seriously injured another, a second car/semi tractor trailer crash took place Thursday afternoon, June 22 on M-72 West near Grayling.

The latest accident took the life of Esther Elenor Sisco of Higgins Lake. She was 82 years old and traveling alone at the time.

According to Crawford County Sheriff's Lt. Jimmy Parker, the accident occurred near Howes Lake Road at approximately 2 p.m. A preliminary investigation into the cause of the accident revealed Sisco was traveling east on M-72 when she collided with a tandem trailer gravel hauler traveling westbound.

Sheriff David Lovely said it is uncertain whether Sisco fell asleep at the wheel or if a health condition caused her to lose control of her vehicle as she was returning home from taking her daughter to the Traverse City Cherry Capital Airport.

Sisco's car crossed the center line, careened in and out of a ditch, then became airborne as it crossed the path of the gravel hauler. The impact forced the small car under the truck. Sisco died at the scene. The driver of the truck was badly shaken by the accident. His name has not been released as of this date. Lt. Parker said there is no evidence of



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department

Another fatal accident occurred on a stretch of M-72 West last Thursday, not far away from the Father's Day accident that claimed three lives. Sheriff Lovely is urging caution when traveling this summer. "Stay awake, alert and wear your seat belt," he said.

alcohol use involved in the accident.

Emergency personnel, still trying to gain understanding of Sunday's triple fatal accident, were once again called to the scene. Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield said Thursday's accident was the worst he's seen in his law enforcement career. Will Miller, a tow truck driver for A-Bull Dog Towing, echoed Wakefield's sentiments.

Responding to the scene were

emergency units from Grayling Fire Department, North Flight EMS, Frederic Fire and Rescue, Crawford County Sheriff's Department, the Motor Carrier Division of the Michigan State Police, and the Grayling Police Department.

Assisting at the scene were A-Bull Dog Towing, Jack Millikin, Inc. and the Road Commission for Crawford

County.

M-72 West was closed for approximately seven hours due to the crash and traffic was re-routed through Frederic and on County Rd. 612 for motorists traveling to Traverse City.

Sisco was a former employee of Bear Archery from 1958-1962 and also managed the dining hall at Pinewoods Camp for almost 50 years, including accounting duties.

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Are wild dogs roaming Crawford/Rosco area?

County to hold public hearings to hear comment on proposed animal control ordinance

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

Concerns about wild dogs rampaging the local area have been shouted by many. Apparently these untame dogs have been running loose, fending for themselves, for approximately three years avoiding capture by officials.

Pam Murawski of Roscommon has continuously reported sightings of the dogs to both the Roscommon Animal Control and the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

Correction

In the June 22 edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, accident victim Nick Kettler's parents were misidentified. Nick's parents are mother Cheryl Johnson and stepfather Dan Johnson of Alaska. We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused during this very trying time in their lives.

Murawski said that there are currently five adult dogs, the leaders being a female chow and a male German Shepherd, but they now have had puppies, doubling their pack.

"Because we don't have an Animal Control Division in Crawford County, nothing is being done, and they do (the dogs) show their teeth at you" Pam stated. Her neighbors, LeeAnn and Kevin Tingstad and Russ and Rose Eder have also reported seeing the dogs. In fact, the Tingstads watched them chase down a deer and kill it.

Pam stressed the fact that she is scared to let her children play in her yard, as she doesn't know when these dogs may show up or how hungry they will be.

Dixie Lobsinger, Director of the Animal Shelter, confirmed the existence of the wild dogs but stated that by the time officials get to the area where the dogs were reported to be, they are gone, avoiding capture.

Lobsinger said, "They do cover a wide range of areas. They have been seen from Jellystone all the way to Stephan Bridge Road." So far, no citizens have been harmed by the dogs.

Two weeks ago the dogs were spotted at the Jellystone Campground in Grayling. Greg Schoo, owner of the establishment, came around a corner and accidentally walked up on the prowling animals.

Schoo stated that he was afraid of them and they backed him up. He also said that the Sheriff's Department and the Animal Shelter have been very cooperative with him in trying to solve the problem.

Deputy Randy Baerlocher of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department stated that the most recent sighting of the dogs reported to him was in May. He stated they seem to come and go and no one knows if they are indeed 'wild dogs' or if they just have an irresponsible owner. The dogs have been rumored

to be coming out of Whitetail Trail.

Deputy Baerlocher reported that he has looked into the problem extensively and that it is really hard to pinpoint the location of the dogs at any given time.

When asked what procedures would come about if he happened upon them, Baerlocher said that law enforcement officers would try to trap the dogs and tranquilize them.

County Controller, Paul Compo, has been working for months with County Prosecutor John Huss, Sheriff David Lovely and Lobsinger on the development of a new animal control ordinance for Crawford County.

Compo stated that after two public hearings at the county courthouse, scheduled for 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., on Wednesday, July 12, along with further County Board approval, funding will be determined and the position of Animal Control Officer may be reinstated after years of absence.

Hanson Hills Summer Playground Kids Kronicle

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Project Charlie Comes to Summer Playground

By Krista Alef

Playground Director

GRA is pleased to present Project Charlie, a substance abuse awareness program. Mrs. Dorraine Lewis from the Grace Center will be presenting four days a week for the remaining of the summer. We hope that this program will help our children become aware of the negative effects of substance abuse and make better decisions in the future.

A Tribute to the Skate Park and Our Good Friend Matt Boardman

We go to the Skate Park all the time!! We love it. Matt at the Skate Park is so cool!!! He is the bomb!!! He rocks. -- Chad Gildner, Age 10

Matt is cool. -- Michael Olson, Age 8

Drawing by Michael Olson, Age 8

A Sunny Day

By Sarah Miller, Age 8

It was a sunny day. I was out picking flowers and they were beautiful. I saw a butterfly and I saw birds too.

Summer Playground will be accepting registrations all summer. Sign up anytime!

Drawing by Michael Olson, Age 8

Nature at the Pond

By Alex LaFemina, Age 8

My friends Cory and Michael found a middle stage frog and I saw a frog.

-- Alex LaFemina, Age 8

Me and Cory caught a middle stage frog. -- Michael Olson, Age 8

Me and Mike caught a middle stage frog and this is what it looks like.

-- Cory Goodrow, Age 8

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My House

By Alex Koonter, Age 10

In my upstairs, there are 3 beds, toy airport, army camp, my home, farm, garage, water ramp. I have computer also. Many - many - things. (And bathroom).

Tye Dye Fun

By Kimberly McQueen, Age 8

I like when we tie dye our shirts.

Just a Reminder....

It is hot on those lucky days of sun. Please make sure that your child has water clothes and towel so he/she can participate in the selected water activities of the day.

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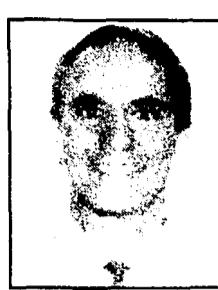
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Your local Rotary: more than just lunch

This was a first for me.

Last week, I was roasted.

I'm not used to being the center of attention, but these roastings happen to all outgoing presidents of their Rotary Clubs.

So, you take the good with the bad.

I am just completing my year as president of my local Rotary Club -- hence the roasting. I have been proud to be chosen as the leader of my club as we entered the new millennium.

I am more proud, however, of being a member of an outstanding service organization.

Most of you have heard of Rotary. In your community, it is the bunch of old guys who get together once a week and eat lunch, right? More commonly referred to as your local "eat and belch club."

That was my idea, too, when first asked to attend a local Rotary meeting as a potential member.

Let me back up a bit. I am the son of a Rotarian. My father has been active in Rotary for nearly 40 years. I remember attending luncheons with him when I was younger, around high school age. At that

time, although those men in attendance seemed to be having a good time, I didn't get it. It was just another businessman's lunch to me.

I expected more of the same when asked to attend a club meeting in Three Rivers in 1983.

But I was in a different position then. Although only 25, I was a business leader, heading up the local newspaper. I knew some of the Rotarians as fellow businessmen from the community. They were the sources for our news stories, and ran the businesses from which we solicited ads. It was a new perspective for me. I needed them and they needed me -- in a business sense. We could help each other.

I had always been a "Mr." and "Ma'am" type of guy. Although only a few years out of college, and although a great many of the members were my seniors, there were no "Misters" allowed. We were all on a first-name basis. Equals.

And there were no "Ma'am's." Period. When I became a Rotarian, women were not allowed. Not until the late 1980s did Rotary International recognize the great number of

female business leaders that exist in this country -- and worldwide, too -- and also recognize what outstanding Rotarians they would be.

I have been an active Rotarian ever since 1984, when I was asked to join the Three Rivers club. I became a member of the East Lansing club when we relocated to the Lansing area in 1992.

It didn't take me long to learn the truth. Rotary is not just about meeting and having a meal.

Sure, it is a bunch of local business leaders gathering every week for breakfast or lunch. They share ideas about their businesses, but they also share a concern for their local community. They talk about current issues and solutions to problems.

Then they do something else. They help implement those solutions.

One way is with money. Rotary clubs write a lot of checks. They pay for things, like scholarships and playgrounds, educational materials and books. They donate to worthy causes in their local communities. They give Christmas parties for kids who might not otherwise have one. They barbecue

chickens, cook breakfasts, fry fish, race ducks... all with the sole purpose in mind of making their communities better places for everyone.

They also volunteer. You will see them cooking pancakes, running a booth at the local fair, sponsoring a community event. They will be there, putting their volunteer time where their mouths are. Helping make their communities better.

But that's not all. Rotary is not just your local club. Rotary is also an international power. Currently, there are Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries, with more clubs forming every day. Those clubs are made up of business leaders that want to make their communities better, too, no matter what country they are from.

Rotary clubs around the world also help make the world a better place. Your local lunch club may have helped build a hospital in Brazil. Or it might have delivered medical supplies to Belize. Or it could have helped immunize children in India against polio, or built homes in Nicaragua or dug wells in Mexico.

Rotary International has, as one of its

goals, to rid our world of polio by the year 2005, the year which will also mark the 100th anniversary of Rotary as a service organization. Rotarians attempt to do this by giving their time, their talents and their money for causes just like these.

So, as an outgoing Rotary Club president, I was proud to lead our meetings once a week, to help lead my club through another year.

But I am more proud to continue to be a member of an organization that helps right here at home as well as in places all around the world. Rotary is a true "service organization."

Next time you see all those business folks from your local community gathering for lunch, please remember: they may seem to be having a good time, and they probably are.

They are also helping.

Dirk Milliman is president of Milliman Communications, which publishes newspapers in Albion, Grayling, Marshall and Three Rivers.

EDITOR

Animal control ordinance needs your input

To the people of Crawford County.

On July 12 there will be two public hearings held at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the County Building. These hearings will be to allow public input on a new animal ordinance for Crawford County. Typically, few people appear to voice their opinions. Whether you are for or against the new ordinance, you need to be there and let your opinions be heard.

The new ordinance will license cats and ferrets in addition to dogs. I believe it will be unenforceable, but that is my opinion. I was asked for my input and we worked several days on this ordinance. I asked for several changes that I felt were in the best interest of the pets and pet owners of Crawford County.

One section really disturbs me. It states that all pit bulls, pit bull mixes, or any dog that looks like a pit bull and appears to be dangerous would be presumed to be vicious. In thirteen years I have had only one nasty pit bull. My concern is that

breed specific legislation is never good. It leaves the door open for someone else to add a breed they don't like to the list and on and on. A chihuahua can be dangerous or vicious, spaniels have been so overbred that they actually call their temper tantrums "rage," and a lot of dalmations are very nasty dogs. I've seen labradors and goldens that would hurt you if they got the chance. Every dog from these breeds or mixes thereof is not vicious.

On July 12, it will be up to you to ask for any changes you feel need to be made. If you don't share your feelings, the County Commissioners will have to believe you are happy to have such a law and pass it.

The ball will be in your field and you need to be there to pick it up. As the owner of numerous pets and caretaker of many more I will be at both hearings. Hope to see you there.

Dixie Lobsinger
Grayling

Restaurant showed no respect

To the editor,

I've never written a letter to the editor before, but I am now. First of all, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the families who lost their children in that tragic accident.

Next, I would like to commend Big Boy and Burger King for closing their doors during Anthony's funeral and Krystan's funeral, respectively.

But, most of all, I want to say I am deeply ashamed of McDonald's. I feel they showed no respect for the life lost by one of their employees, or his family, or for what this community has gone through by not shutting your doors during Kurt's funeral.

Shame on you, McDonald's.

Kathleen Armstrong
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

Lower taxes, less regulation key to Twenty-First Century economy

by Larry Schweikart

Michigan proudly proclaims itself as "number one in economic development," based on Site Selection magazine's surveys of new and expanded business facilities in 1997 and 1998. Without a doubt, the Engler administration's policies cutting taxes and pruning regulations have attracted many new jobs to the state and helped re-establish Michigan as one of the premier manufacturing/business regions in the world.

Since 1991, some 26 tax cuts have returned at least \$11 billion to Michigan families and businesses. The Single Business Tax is slowly being phased out. More than 3,000 rules and regulations have come off the books. But what do these things mean for the future of entrepreneurship in the state?

Most observers believe the engine driving the twenty-first century economy will be information—that is, the manufactured goods and services related to the computer/information revolution. A better term for this wide range of businesses and technologies is "high-tech" industry. Where does Michigan fit in the "high-tech" world?

Data from the Site Selection surveys reveal an expansion of existing, big businesses—especially the auto companies—rather than a

surge in new "cutting edge" high-tech firms. In fact, a recent study by the Milken Institute that assessed overall high-tech leader among cities was Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a rating of 437 (the national average is 100). Texas had 11 cities or regions among the top 50; California, 6; Pennsylvania, Georgia and Colorado, 3 each; and Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa and Idaho, 2 each.

Where did Michigan rank? It tied with North Dakota, Louisiana and Kentucky with only one center of high-tech growth in the top 50 (Flint).

Measured another way, according to "technology concentration," Michigan does not even show up in the Milken ranking, although Rochester, Minnesota; Phoenix, Arizona; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania each had measurable areas of high-tech concentration. Again, California and Texas led the nation in high-tech concentration.

For Michigan, there is both good news and bad news in the Milken report. The bad news is that despite tax cuts and deregulation, Michigan remains in the bottom half of all states on the report's "economic freedom index," trailing places like Idaho, which registered twice as many "high-tech" growth concentrations and placed first. A similar

survey, the Small Business Survival Index, which measures a wide range of taxes, regulatory burdens and other factors related to the success of firms, ranks Michigan 21st nationally, significantly behind states with "high-tech growth centers" such as Texas and Pennsylvania.

The good news is that once an atmosphere of openness to entrepreneurs is established, a sort of "hot-house effect" may be in store. One indicator is the number of smaller establishments created in Michigan in areas such as manufacturing, retail trade and services. As early as 1992, in three critical categories for high-tech growth (manufacturing, finance/insurance and services), the number of small establishments—one to nine employees—was high. In manufacturing, 48 percent of all establishments in the state were in this category; in finance, 78 percent; and in services, 77 percent.

Why the emphasis on these "small fry"? Won't General Motors, Ford, Daimler-Chrysler, Kellogg and many other mega-companies account for the lion's share of Michigan's economic growth? Yes and no. These industry giants may generate growth today, but if history is any guide, it is a certainty they will not produce the next-generation breakthroughs in transportation.

food products or financial instruments. Instead (as has been the case with every one of the 50 top technological breakthroughs of the twentieth century), the new products and technologies will come from small entrepreneurial firms.

To join California and Texas in the top tier of "high-tech" concentration, Michigan leaders will need to focus continued attention on deregulating the economy and lowering taxes. If they do, Michigan could indeed produce clusters of entrepreneurs whose inventions and innovations would feed off of each other, achieving a kind of critical mass.

These "new Fords and Kelloggs" will not, however, receive university grants, or be the recipients of special tax concessions. Rather, they will bloom naturally, out of the hothouse climate created by an overall commitment on the part of government to "doing more" for the economy by "doing less" in terms of direct intervention.

Dr. Larry Schweikart, author of "The Entrepreneurial Adventure: A History of Business in the United States," is a professor of history at the University of Dayton in Ohio and an adjunct scholar with the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland.

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Historically Speaking...



Does this look familiar to any of the residents of Lake Margrethe? It probably doesn't as it shows what existed at the lake (then known as Portage Lake) many years ago. The Collen family owned and operated a tourist camp and business at the spot where Margrethe Boulevard makes a sharp turn and one gets the first view of the lake. This picture and many others of area, which have changed a great deal in appearance, are on display at the Crawford County Historical Museum at the 1882 depot on Michigan Avenue. If you want to see the changes in places, come to see all of the memorabilia that is on display. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 348-4461.

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BRIEFS

Kids can get free hearing/vision tests

On Friday, June 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a free Hearing and Vision Clinic at the District Health Department #10 (located at 202 Meadows Drive in Grayling). This clinic is for children ages three to 18 years. Make an appointment by calling (517) 348-7800.

Red Cross schedules local blood drive

A Grayling Community and American Red Cross blood drive will be held on Wednesday, July 5 from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling (106 South James Street).

Roscommon concert series continues

The Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority's 2000 Summer Concert Series continues on Wednesday, July 5 when duo Systek & Davis take the stage in the Gazebo in the Roscommon Village Square. This duo plays classic acoustic music with a flair. Bring a lawn chair -- admission is free. Refreshments will be available. In case of rain, the concert will move indoors at the CRAF Center.

Michelson hosts Thursday luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will host a soup, sandwich and dessert luncheon on Thursday, July 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost of the all-you-can-eat lunch will be \$4.50 per person. Take out will be available and everyone is welcome. The church is located on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Federal retirees plan lunchtime meeting

The local chapter of the National Association for Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet Thursday, July 6 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., with business meeting to follow at approximately 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of the federal government and their spouses. For more information, contact Rudy Martinez at (517) 348-5326.

Scholarship applications being taken

The Grayling Knights of Columbus has applications for its Richard A. Lovely Memorial Scholarship. To qualify, a student must be a junior or senior in college with a 2.5 grade point average leading toward a degree in the student's chosen vocation. Applications may be picked up at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 604 Norway Street on Wednesdays between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Completed applications must be returned to the Knights of Columbus by July 15, 2000.

Unity Center offers special speakers

The Unity Center (located in the Otsego Community Center in Waters) will host two special speakers in July during regular 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. On July 2, Richard Krof will present, "Faith, Security and Risk" and on July 9, Ben Jones will present, "Angel On Your Shoulder." Everyone is welcome to attend.

Retired state employees plan meeting

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19 of the State Employee Retirees Association will be held Tuesday, July 4 at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Lt. Governor to visit Crawford County

Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus will visit the Crawford County Courthouse at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in Grayling on Thursday, June 29 at 3:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library plan benefit dinner

The Friends of the Library will hold a benefit dinner and silent auction on Friday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Shoppenagon's Inn with a program to follow. Proceeds from the evening will be used toward the campaign to build a new Crawford County Library. Tickets are \$50 each. Make checks payable to: Friends of the Library and send to 100 S. James St., Grayling, MI 49738. Donations of items for the auction are still needed. For more information, call Judy at (517) 348-4690 or Sharon at (517) 275-4126.

Project Zero kick off planned

Family Independence Agency (FIA) director Douglas E. Howard will kick off a new Project Zero welfare reform program serving Crawford County on Wednesday, June 28. The kick off will begin at 1 p.m. at Shoppenagon's Inn on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Joining Howard at this welfare reform kick off will be state agency partners Fred Simons of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Margarete Gravina of the Michigan Department of Career Development, and Cindy Pushman, director of Crawford

County FIA.

Project Zero is Michigan's welfare-to-work pilot program carried out by Family Independence Agency offices in collaboration with the Michigan Departments of Career Development, Transportation, Community Health, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and involved community partners. Its goal is to reduce to zero the number of targeted FIA cash assistance families without earned income.

For more information, log on to the FIA Internet web site at: www.mfia.state.mi.us.

Other northern Michigan summer celebrations

Charlevoix - The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fireworks Cruise to Boyne City, July 4 and will feature the music of Steve August. It will depart at 9:30 p.m. and return at 11:30 p.m. The two-hour scenic cruise will board the Emerald Isle Ferry at 9:15 p.m. at the Beaver Island Boat Company Dock in downtown Charlevoix.

Tickets are \$22 per person and children 5 and under are free, but a child's boarding pass must be requested and secured at the time of adult ticket purchase. Tickets will be on sale at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce office at 408 Bridge Street. For more information call 1-800-367-8557; e-mail info@charlevoix.org or visit their website at www.charlevoix.org.

Sault Ste Marie - The Soo Locks Festival has expanded to a 15 day community event where activities center around the Soo Locks Park and the Festival Stage one block south of the locks.

On Friday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the public is invited to Engineers Day - a chance to cross over the MacArthur Lock, stand beside the Poe Lock and visit the Davis Lock Building. To celebrate the open house the Lockside District will give away a wooden freighter filled with \$1,000 worth of treasure.

There will be fireworks over the River twice - on July 1 for Canada and on July 4 for the U.S.

For more information call (906) 632-3301 or visit www.soolocksfestival.com.



Tickets may be bought until July 1. The drawing will take place at 8:15 p.m. July 1.

Free concerts will be held each evening at 7 p.m. Paul Revere & the Raiders will perform Friday, June 30 and Da Yoopers will perform Sunday, July 2.

An International Bridge Walk over the St. Marys River will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 1 at the Norris Center. The walk is 3.5 miles and ends in Sault, Canada at Roberta Bondar Park. The walk is free but the bus ride back will cost \$1. There will be live music, food, races, and demonstrations on Saturday also.

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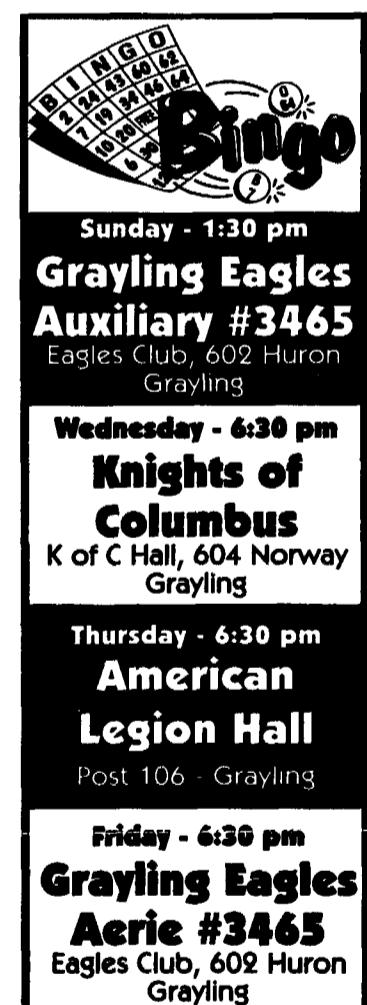
Thirty newcomers donate at GHS May blood drive

At the Grayling High School Blood Drive on May 3, there were 107 donors and 30 first time donors:

Chris Awiszus, Mark Bartkowski, Peter Belcher, Jessica Bly, Marcus Bobenmoyer, Michael Boerger, Carrie Cadeau, Tasha Carlisle, Brandon Cox, Sarah Carmean, Joel Cummings, Wendy Dedafoe, Derik Denewett, Nathan Everson, Emily Fox, Derek Gregorick, Johnathan Harland, Jennie Hubbard, Rachel Isenauer, Anthony Jurkovich, Corin Jelly, Marcy Mathews, Tina Peever, Jayne Potter, Joshua Petrie, Glenn Price, Jennifer Robbins, Debra Rausseau, Sonya Saladine, and Chris Youngblood.

There is a critical shortage of blood in Michigan at this time. Less people donate blood during the summer months because of vacations and school recesses. More accidents occur during the summer motoring season than at any other time.

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 5 from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Grayling American Legion Hall on James Street.



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The Bible Speaks

The Declaration of Independence

We shall quote a number of excellent statements by Tom Seneca on our Declaration of Independence. "Most Americans read Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence and come away with no clear ideas but, 'when our government gets really, really bad, we get to overthrow it and start over.' And even this is often rejected without further consideration as too barbaric for such an enlightened age as ours (why, don't our government-run elections provide for revolution enough?). This rude understanding confines men to an endless debate on whether or not government has reached the point of no return on the path to despotism, a point that moves steadily further away as we are overcome by propaganda and grow accustomed to our chains.

"Jefferson bequeathed to us a better inheritance than this, as we will now see.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the gov-

erned."

"It is therefore my interpretation of the text that Jefferson is saying that governments are voluntary associations, instituted for the protection of its members against those that would injure their persons, property, or rights. That the characteristics of these associations are no different from those of any association men may form."

"That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall most likely effect their Safety and Happiness."

"Jefferson here informs us that a

Form of Government (or, an association) may become destructive to the very rights it was instituted to protect. And also that the People, or members (as opposed to the officers of said association, which are in the habit of distinguishing themselves from such) may destroy this same Form of Government, and make new associations. But most importantly of all, the text nowhere implies or demands that there is, in all of this, only ONE gov-

ernment by ONE people, people being misunderstood as "nation." Let's now move to one last piece of the Declaration."

"When a long train of abuses and

usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is

their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

When we allow our servants in government to abandon our Creator, our Declaration of Independence, and our U.S. Constitution, we have become merely slaves to tyranny.

Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy. Join us in a verse by verse study of the book of Revelation each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Farm Park building project funded by youth

Old-fashioned summer kitchen to be constructed

Word has been received by Wellington Farm Park that their request for funding to construct a summer kitchen at the living history museum has been approved. A large portion of the funds needed to purchase materials for the building has been provided by the North Central Community Foundation.

Earlier this year a request, for funding was made to the Youth Advisory Council of that organization. Upon the recommendation of the council, the foundation will provide \$2,500 to be used for building materials for the project.

Other funding for the summer kitchen has been received from the Wellington Farm Folk, The Grayling Promotional Association, the Grayling Lions Club, the Grayling Rotary Club,

Weyerhaeuser Company and the Michigan Education Association. Labor for the construction project will be provided by Wellington Farm Folk members, park staff and volunteers. It is hoped that construction will begin immediately and that the structure will be usable for the Flat Belt Festival in August.

The summer kitchen is one of two major construction projects being carried on at the farm park this summer. Also under construction

is the granary and grist mill. This post and beam structure presently under construction is being built by park staff and volunteers with materials provided by Wellington Farm Park.

Wellington Farm Park is still in need of volunteers. Anyone interested in donating as little as two days each month is encouraged to call the park at 1-888-653-3276 or visit their website at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

Church plans block party, vacation bible school

Grayling Baptist Church

host Vacation Bible School beginning Sunday, July 9 through Thursday, July 13.

Classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening at the church located at 705 Madsen Street.

Vacation Bible School has an Ocean Odyssey theme, a class for every family member (including adults) and a catfish dinner to be served on family night to be held

Thursday, July 13.

A huge block party will be held July 8 at the church, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with games, prizes and clowns.

Family and individual registration for Vacation Bible School will be taken at the block party, or at anytime by calling Ann Fishell, VBS Director, at 348-2679.

Registration will also be accepted at the door during VBS.

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Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

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Morning Praise 10:30 am (the second Sunday of each month)

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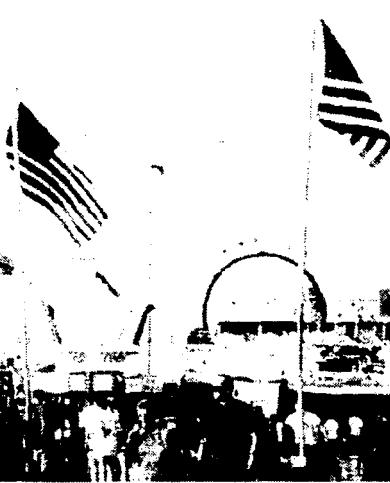
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
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Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ
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SENIOR PERSPECTIVE

The 10 commandments of retirement living

by Terry Rohe

(NAPS)-As a correspondent and expert on aging, people always ask me how they should approach their retirement. After all, most of us spend virtually our entire adult lives working and the thought of all this spare time can be a bit daunting. Personally, I like to think of retirement as a beginning rather than an ending - a time to explore everything the world has to offer. The right attitude is really the key to enjoying your retirement years. Following are my own "Ten Commandments" for mature living.

• *Thou shalt make plans.* Be bold, be daring. Take up a new hobby; try an evening course at a local community college. Get active in your neighborhood ... anything that keeps your body and mind active.

• *Thou shalt look at the brighter side.* Be optimistic. Remember, aging is a positive life experience.

• *Thou shalt travel.* There

is no time like the present to see new sites or visit family and friends. Many travel companies even offer special programs for mature travelers.

• *Thou shalt not whine.* It's a time-waster and won't win you any friends. Better to devote your energies to solving problems or scaling new heights.

• *Thou shalt write at least one cheerful letter to someone every week.* Remember, it takes two minutes out of your day to become a highlight of someone else's day, and sharing your thoughts also makes you feel great.

• *Thou shalt laugh often, deeply and loudly.* Laughing is not only good for the heart, but it also reminds others that you still have a sense of humor. And if you can't laugh at life, what can you laugh at?

• *Thou shalt make a list of 20 things you've always wanted to do and do them one at a time.* Too often we put things off due to a lack of time. Consider retirement

an invitation to finally make your dreams a reality.

• *Thou shalt wear out rather than rust out.* Spend your time creating new memories rather than dwelling on the past. Stay active.

• *Thou shalt think big thoughts and enjoy small pleasures.* Don't restrict yourself. Who says you can't write the "great American novel" if that's what you want to do? And don't forget that you really have time to treat yourself in small ways - take time to smell the roses.

• *Thou shalt sign your living will.* Don't think of this as a negative. It's the smart thing to do ... for any adult.

Remember, aging is as much a state of mind as a physical process. By keeping these commandments in mind, you can be sure to make the most of your retirement.

Terry Rohe is author and correspondent on aging for ABC-TV's *Good Morning America*.

Quality home health care: It's your decision

(NU)-Do you have plans for home health care should you or a loved one need it?

Most people don't think about home health care until it is absolutely necessary. But before you make any decisions, it's important to know what your options are.

Having a wide variety of choices when purchasing goods and services is usually taken for granted. Only recently have Americans expected the same freedom of choice in home health care.

"When it comes to home care, most people do not think about it until they have to," says Robert J. Nixon, senior vice president, Nursing and Infusion Operations, Olsten Health Services, North America's largest home health organization. "Plan members may not know that they do have a choice when it comes to home care. It's certainly worth exploring before home care is needed."

Frequently, patients and their families rely on others to make home-care decisions for them because they haven't taken the time to locate a company suited to their needs. So how can you do your home-care homework?

First, find out if you are entitled to home health care visits through your insurance.

ance company, HMO or Medicare plan. If you are, you will want to find out if you must use a designated company or companies, or if you are free to make your own choice. Patients should know that federal law now requires hospitals to give them a list of home-care agencies as part of the discharge planning process.

If you have the right to choose your home-care agency, interview several home-care agencies to find the right one for you or your loved one. Individuals should ask specific questions about the qualifications of the company's caregivers," advises Nixon. "Just as physicians provide different levels of skill and expertise, so do companies that send nurses and medical equipment to the home."

According to Nixon, a reputable company will carefully screen its nurses, home health aides, therapists and other employees. This may include criminal background checks, license and certification verification, as well as skills testing. Another plus for a home-care agency is accreditation by the Joint Commission (JCAHO), an independent accrediting organization that evaluates thousands of hospitals and home-care agencies each

year.

You also should inquire about each company's service capabilities. "Not all providers offer a full range of services," says Nixon. But some companies, like Olsten, can coordinate all home-care needs-nurses, aides, equipment, infusion therapy, respiratory therapy-with one call. Many companies also offer specialized management programs for conditions such as diabetes and asthma, as well as post-operative programs for hip or knee replacement and cardiac rehabilitation.

Additionally, you should gather information on geographic areas served, billing practices, contract terms and hours of service. Ask as many questions as you need to feel comfortable.

Remember, the best time to decide about home health care is before it is needed. Taking time now to select the right health care provider for you or a loved one will pay dividends in the future.

For more information and a free brochure, call Olsten Health Services at 1-800-HOME-NOWSM (1-800-466-3669), or visit www.olstenhealth.com on the Internet.

News USA

Senior workers freed from earnings limits

According to a new law, people who are age 65 to 69 can continue to work and collect all of their Social Security benefits regardless of how much they earn. Under the previous law, benefits for workers age 65-69 were reduced \$1 for every \$3 they earned over the annual earnings limit (\$17,000 in 2000).

Although the law was signed April 7, it was effective January 1, 2000. This means that anyone who lost benefits between January and April should, by now, have received those benefits in a single payment. In June, they will begin receiving their regular monthly benefits.

Under the new law, for

those turning 65 during 2000, benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$3 earned over \$17,000 until the month you reach 65. Then, there's no reduction in the benefit amount no matter how much is earned. For workers age 62-64, the law requires that \$1 be withheld for every \$2 earned over the annual earnings limit (\$10,080 in 2000).

For those getting retirement benefits on their own earnings record and who continue to work, the benefit amount may increase because of the additional earnings. Your earnings will be reviewed each year and notification will be sent if the benefit amount increases.

For more information about the new law, visit the Social Security website, www.ssa.gov; call or visit a nearby Social Security office; or call toll free 1-800-772-1213.

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JULY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangmen"	4 Center Closed	5 Hearing Clinic by Appointment 5:30 - Wendy's Bingo	6 BP's Taken 11 - noon 5:30 - Trivia	7 10:45 - Rummage Sale 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** July 2nd - Sunday Brunch Western Straits 10 to 1 ***** 8 Rummage Sale 10 - 4:30
10 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangmen"	11 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Coronation Ball Dinner & Dance with Tina	12 9:30 to 10:30 Commodities Eagles 12:30 - Stag Cards 1:00 - Fun & Games 5:00 - Birthday Dinner Elouise's White Elephant Auction	13 BP's Taken 11 - noon 12:15 - New Library Bond Issue Speaker 4:30 - COA Personnel Committee Meets 5:30 - Cards	14 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 15 Foot Clinic by Appointment Please bring towel ***** 16 Pancake Brunch 10 - 1
17 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangmen"	18 1:00 - Euchre Club 3:00 - Finance Committee Meets 5:30 - Trivia	19 Hearing Clinic by Appointment Out to lunch bus leaves at 11:15 12:30 - Stag Cards 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	20 BP's Taken 11 - noon Noon - 5:00 - Senior Day at the Fair	21 1:00 - Pantry Bingo 1:30 - Legal Help
24 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangmen"	25 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Elsie Mae's Country Dance	26 12:30 - Stag Cards	27 10:30 - Lucky 7 Casino Trip BP's Taken 11 - Noon 5:30 - Ice Cream Social	28 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 30 2:00 - Potluck Bring a dish to pass
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AUTO DETAILING

Author visits Crawford County Library

► Knight, a former Grayling resident, reads from his series 'Michigan Chillers'

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Christopher Knight, a former Grayling resident and author of one of the fastest-selling series of children's books in the state, visited the Crawford County Library last Thursday to read from his latest works and put on a show for those in attendance.

Knight's "Michigan Chillers" books, written by Knight under the pseudonym Johnathan Rand, is a growing series of children's books set in familiar Michigan cities.

The first of the series, *Mayhem on Mackinaw Island*, has sold 5,000 copies since its release on March 1 of this year. *Terror Stalks Traverse City*, #2 in the series, has sold 3,000 copies, and #3, *Poltergeists of Petoskey*, has sold 2,500 books in just a few weeks. *Aliens Attack Alpena*, which came out this week, sold 1,000 pre-sale copies.

"They've been doing really well," said Knight. "I didn't expect them to do as well as they have."

At the library last week, Knight read chapters from one of his books in front of a five-foot haunted house backdrop with a crowd of about 65 people present. Knight, who does presentations at schools all over

Michigan Chillers, however, all involve a Michigan setting. Knight hopes the familiar names and places



Author Christopher Knight (center), a Grayling native, visited the Crawford County Library last week to read from his children's book series, "Michigan Chillers."

make the books more accessible and "a little more relatable to the kids."

Knight used a pseudonym for the series to avoid any possible confusion on the part of parents buying books for their young readers.

Knight has written two audio books, *St. Helene* and *Ferocity*, both of which are now available in paperback, and he has a "thriller" novel on the way about a shipwreck on the Great Lakes called *The Laurentian Channel*.

The audio books and novel, Knight said, are intended for adults and contain adult situations, so he decided to use a different name with the Michigan Chillers to avoid any connection with his adult-oriented work.

Knight graduated from Grayling High School in 1982, and he lived in Grayling until 1985. His father, Ken Wright, still lives here.

Knight worked at WQON, and he used to be commercial fly tier and river guide in Grayling.

Now, he lives with his wife in Topinabee, Michigan. In Topinabee, he operates his own studio, AudioCraft Publishing, Inc., where he produces commercials for television and radio.

With the success of the Michigan Chillers, though, he has started to concentrate more on his writing.

"Thankfully, the books are now able to take precedent," Knight said.

Knight plans to write up to 30 Michigan Chillers books before moving on to something different.

"I don't want to reach a point where everything sounds the same," Knight said. "pumping out books just to make money. I don't want to get burned out. I think we can do 30 comfortably with cities in the state."

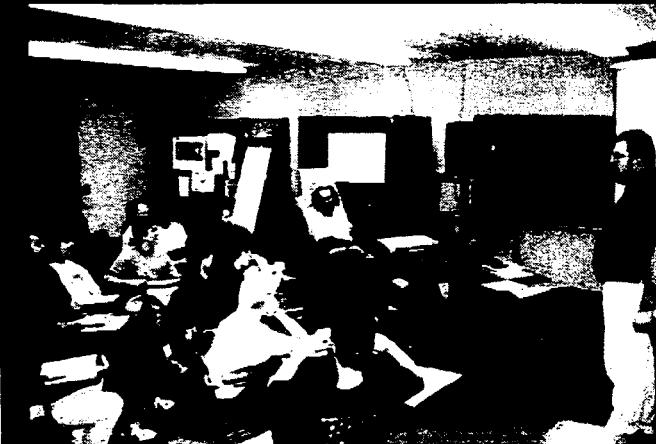
The fifth book in the series, *Gargoyles of Gaylord*, should be released in July. In the fall, Knight plans to embark on the "Tour of Terror," visiting northern Michigan schools with a variety of props and reading chapters from the Michigan Chillers series.

Readers can check out Knight's books at the Crawford County Library, or purchase them at northern Michigan book stores.

For more information, visit www.mi-michillers.com on the internet. The site contains the first four chapters of each book and information regarding cover art.

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VIKING BAND BOOSTERS UPDATE

New board, new ideas for the millennium

by Margaret Knapp

President, Viking Band Boosters

"With the new band booster board in place, and our fundraising events pretty well established, we are looking forward to a fun filled school year," says Margaret Knapp, returning VBB President. "Our board will be looking over by-laws this summer, and discussing some reorganizing strategies for this non-profit organization. It's an exciting time, and we hope to enter the school year with these new ideas in place."

The other officers are vice-president Janet Gaffke, secretary Marge Franklin and treasurer Mary Heinlein. Franklin is also the tracking coordinator for student fundraising.

Oakland County man found dead in South Branch Township

by Cheryll Rulley
Staff Writer

Details surrounding the mysterious death of a 32-year old Oakland County man the morning of Saturday, June 24 remain undisclosed by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

Upon arrival at 6063 Oxbow Road in South Branch Township, Capt.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following 95 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of June 19 - June 25:

One EMS response; two driving violations/DWLS etc; three delinquent minors; one false alarm activation; two hazardous conditions; 14 general non-criminal; 19 traffic accidents (11 car-deer, one motorcycle-deer); one parking violation; two motor vehicle inspections; four civil matter disputes-family trouble; five suspicious situations; one lost and found; one drug overdose; two burglary/home invasion; five larceny; one larceny-from yards; five property damage; one obstructing police; seven public peace/disorderly; 14 health and safety (13 animal control); three miscellaneous criminal offenses.

Middle school band parents are becoming more and more involved with the boosters. The program benefits when this happens. It also helps the parents and band students have special bonding that isn't possible elsewhere. There are very few activities where parents have such hands-on involvement once their children are in middle school or high school. Parents efforts are appreciated as evidenced by the thanks they receive both from the students and band directors. Dennis Ormsbee and David Gott.

Monthly membership meetings are open to all GHS and GMS band parents. The date, time and place are listed on the Crawford AuSable School District calendar. If there are

any changes, they will be listed in the *Avalanche* under the Community Events section.

During the Milltown parade rehearsals schedule for July 25, 26 and 27 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., parent volunteers are needed to carry water bottles, spray bottles and help with after-practice refreshments.

Parents are also needed to help get the band students ready for the parade, July 29 at 2 p.m. Marching parents need to pick up a free Viking Band T-shirt before the parade in the GMS band room.

Contact Margaret Knapp 348-9624 or Dennis Ormsbee 348-3223 to be included in this Viking band parent/student activity.

The Executive Board is working on a picnic for the last practice night. More information will be available at a later date.

Art Clough found the man was not breathing and pronounced him dead at the scene.

Detective Rich Myers stated no foul play or criminal activity is suspected in the death, however, the case remains under investigation.

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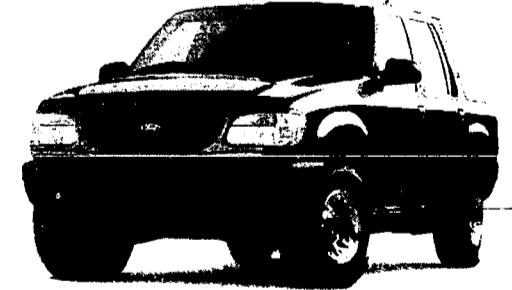
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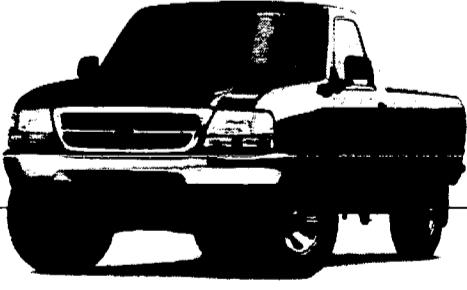
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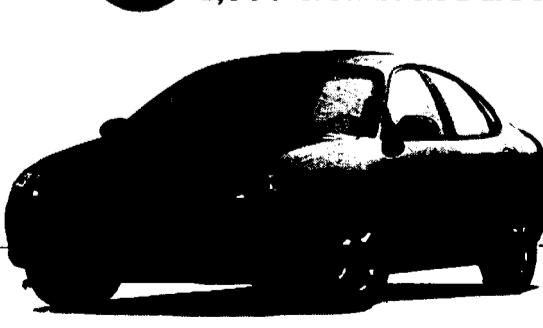
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New gazebo built in Frederic Township park

► Paved track to be built inside the park this summer
by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In the Frederic Township park, the old pavilion is gone and a new gazebo has been constructed to replace it. The gazebo, a 16-foot octagonal structure, was completed last week.

The township, using money from memorials in the name of former township trustee Betty Sajdak and funds from the sale of a surplus piece of township land, has set in motion plans to accomplish a variety of park improvements.

Chain-link fencing has been installed around the park, the pavilion was removed, flowers were purchased and then planted around the fence, and most recently, the gazebo was constructed.

The township bought the gazebo in kit form through the internet. The Grayling High School Building Trades Class worked on the structure for about four weeks in May, providing free labor for the township. But, the school year ended before the gazebo was completed.

To finish the project, Frederic resident Dennis Bofysil, a local contractor, volunteered his services at a reduced rate to help the township finish the structure.

"Denny did it for us for about half-price," said Township Trustee Mike Girard. "We think he did really quality work. He did a great job."

Altogether, the gazebo ended up costing about \$3,000, Girard said, including materials and labor.

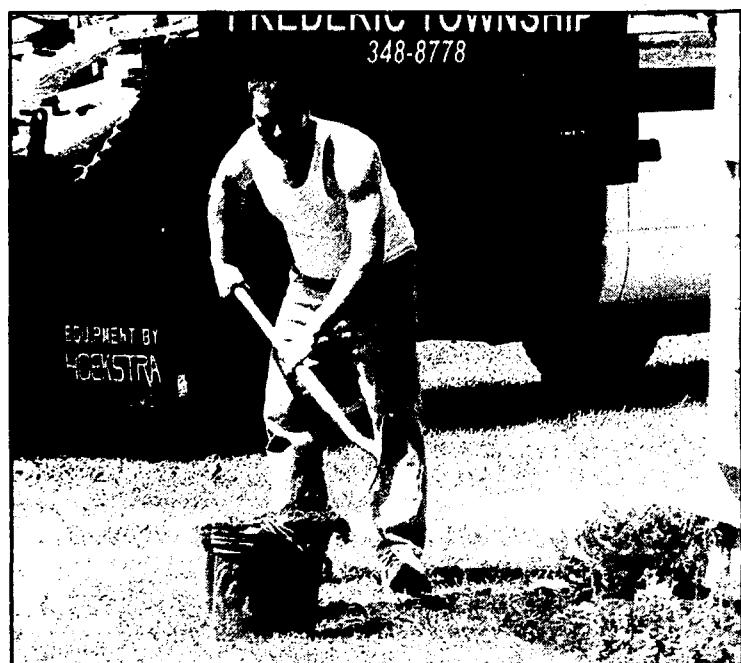
Shrubs were purchased with help from township businesses, and planted around the gazebo last week.

The township plans to have lights and electricity installed in the gazebo sometime this year.

The gazebo will also be handicap accessible. The township has entered into an agreement with paving company Rieth-Riley to create a 10-foot wide asphalt track inside the park fence. The track, intended for walkers, bicyclists, and rollerbladers, will be constructed around the inside perimeter of the park and a paved ramp will connect the track to the front of the gazebo, providing wheelchair accessibility.

Rieth-Riley will be resurfacing Old 27 from M-93 (Hartwick Pines Road) through Frederic this summer. (Early work on the project began last week.) While working on Old 27, Rieth-Riley will, at some point, squeeze in the township's paved track project.

The track is the last major park improvement project slated for this year. The township plans to commemorate the park in honor of Sajdak later this summer with a plaque and an official dedication ceremony.



Frederic Township Trustee Mike Girard plants a shrub next to the new township park gazebo. Flowers were also planted around the structure last week.



The Frederic Township park now has a new gazebo. The GHS Building Trades Class worked on the structure for about four weeks, and contractor Dennis Bofysil of Frederic Township finished the job last week.

Beaver Creek celebrates the completion of new facility

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

Beaver Creek Township Officials held an open house on Wednesday to proudly show-off their new location.

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Construction on the building began last November and as of April 1, they were moving in.

"We have a lot more room and meet all handicapped and state requirements which is really nice," stated Sharon Hartman, Township Clerk.

About halfway through the building process, officials decided to construct a library. One of the large rooms that was to be used for storage was designated as the site. The facility opened two weeks ago. "It's

such a worthy process, it is so far for people in this area to go to a library," said Kathy Mobarak, Township Trustee.

The library will soon have computers as well, with internet service which will be supervised. "When school is back in session we hope to have the library open at least two nights a week," stated Mobarak.

Mobarak finished with, "We are really pleased to be here, there are a lot of good people in Beaver Creek all willing to help."



Photo by Danielle McGillis
Beaver Creek Township Hall is now located at 8888 S. Grayling Road. The new location features enhanced office space, a meeting room and library. Officials moved in April 1, and hosted their open house on Wednesday, June 21.

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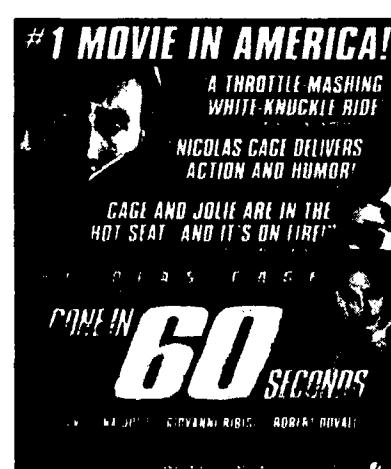
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OBITUARIES

(NOTE: For more obituaries, see Page 12A.)

Esther E. Sisco

Mar 25, 1918 - Jun 22, 2000
Esther Elenor Sisco, 82, of Higgins Lake, died last Thursday near Grayling.

The former Esther Edwards was born in Menominee, the daughter of Axel and Anna (Major) Edwards. She married Marshall Sisco November 2, 1938. They moved to Higgins Lake in 1945. She worked at Bear Archery from 1958 to 1962. She also ran Pinewoods Camp dining hall for nearly 50 years and did the accounting.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Marshall, who died January 2, 1975.

She is survived by daughter Suzanne (Jean Pierre) Abraham of North Miami Beach, Florida; niece Charlene (James) Woody of Grand Blanc; and sister-in-law Marjorie Roper of Grayling.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 26 at Oakwood Cemetery in Lyon Township with Reverend Joe Carpenter officiating.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc.

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I feel you would not want me to keep grieving,

Because you're an angel now and that I'll keep believing.

Your presence is surely missed by all,

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So, until I receive my wings, I'll remember you forever,

And when I get to heaven, we'll rejoice and sing together.

I will not say good-bye but instead I say "so long."

And I look forward to one day singing a reuniting song.

Betty and family

Card of Thanks

The family of Krystan Bazzett would like to extend their gratitude to the many friends who have given their love, encouragement and support during our recent loss. Your many kindnesses will never be forgotten.

The family of Krystan Bazzett

Harriette A. Paulus

Aug 29, 1920 - Jun 16, 2000
Harriette Ann Paulus, 79, of Grayling and Algonac, died Friday, June 16 in Algonac.

The former Harriette Ann Mangold was born in Detroit, the daughter of Hariate and Edward Mangold. She married Edward F. Paulus on February 15, 1941.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, Edward F. Paulus Jr., and her parents.

She is survived by children, Mary (Tom) Stachak of Hillsdale, Marty (Barbara) Paulus of New Baltimore, Paul R. (Barbara) Paulus of Algonac, Leslie (Bill) O'Brien of Paso Robles, California, Laura (Tom) Schans of Grayling, Peter (Dena) Paulus of Frederic; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and her special sister, Joanne Melchior.

Funeral services were held June 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home of Grayling. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Robert Ridley Sr.

May 8, 1926 - Jun 27, 2000
Robert Ridley Sr., 74, of Grayling, died Monday, June 26, 2000.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

A complete obituary will be in the next edition of the Avalanche.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Upcoming Senior Center events:

June 28 - Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m.; Cardo at 5:30 p.m.

June 29 - Blood pressures and sugars measured 11 a.m. - noon.

June 30 - Election Day for King & Queen Polls, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Pantry bingo at 1 p.m.

July 2 - Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

July 3 - Stag guys at noon.

July 4 - Center Closed.

July 5 - Hearing Clinic by appointment; Stag Guys at noon; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

July 6 - Blood pressures and sugars measured 11 a.m. - noon; Trivia at 5:30 p.m.

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July 6 - Meatloaf/BBQ beef

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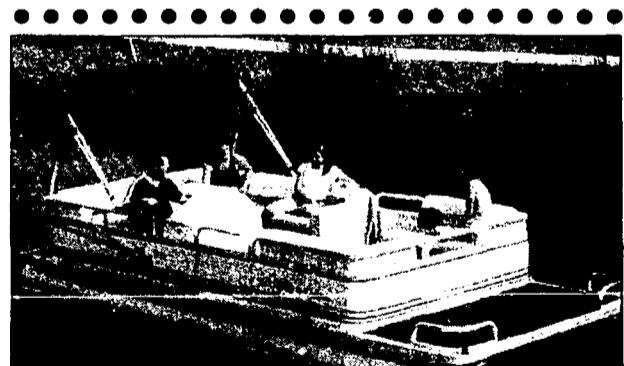
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Dec 4, 1935 - Jun 24, 2000

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The former Margaret Shelson was born in Newberry, the daughter of Norman and Marion (Mattson) Shelson.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, a sister, and her husband, Mike on December 18, 1972.

She is survived by two daughters, Jan (Harvey) Bailey of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jené Kozuch of Auburn; four sons, Jon of West Branch, Jay (Melanie) of Midland, Chris of Kawkawlin, and Morgan (Nickie) of Linwood; 12 grandchildren; sisters, Mary Lou (Tom) Hall and Pat (Willy) Vink; brothers, James Shelson and Mike (Barb) Shelson; sisters-in-law, Betty (Max) Haslem and Mary Jane Jorgenson, both of Grayling; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 27, at Squires Funeral Home in Bay City, with burial Wednesday, June 28, 1 p.m. at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

In Loving Memory of Bob Ridley

Yesterday (Monday) we had a bad storm, thunder, lightning and lots of rain. It was God welcoming him home.

Your neighbor
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Lilly K. E. Madsen

Jun 2, 1908 - Apr 29, 2000

Lilly Kaja Edle Madsen, 91, of "The Shores" in Bradenton, Florida and Danish Landing, Grayling died Saturday, April 29 at Blake Medical Center in Bradenton, Florida.

The former Lilly Jensen was born in Randers, Denmark, the daughter of Laurs and Inger (Simonsen) Jensen. She met her husband, Chris Madsen in Denmark on her birthday, June 2, 1929 - became engaged on July 4 and was married on July 27, 1929, in Aalborg, Denmark.

She moved to Detroit in 1930 and to East Detroit in 1946 where she lived until 1965. Her husband retired then and they moved to Florida living in Nokomis, Venice, Pinellas Park and in 1996 moved to Bradenton.

She was a homemaker but did work in a defense plant during World War II. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Venice and the Danish Suncoast Club of St. Petersburg, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers, Henry, Otto, Svend Aage, Tage and Helmer.

She is survived by her husband, Chris Madsen; a daughter, Alice Burak of Largo, Florida and Grayling; a son, Neal (Sharon) Madsen of Bradenton, Florida; six grandchildren, Chris Burak, Sandra Michalik, Alison Rummel, Linda Garrigus, Michael and Douglas Madsen; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Hilda Holke who at the age of 100 lives in Silkeborg, Denmark.

A memorial service will be held Monday, July 3 at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church in Grayling. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Lucille McNally

Lucille McNally of Las Cruces, New Mexico, formerly of Destin Florida and Grayling, died March 18, 2000.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles in 1979.

Graveside services will be held at Elmwood Cemetery, Monday, July 3, at 2 p.m. Reverend Bill Fraser will officiate.

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Mary Jane Babbitt

Nov 9, 1923 - Jun 4, 2000

Mary Jane Babbitt, 76, of Portage, died Sunday, June 4 at Bronson Methodist Hospital.

The former Mary Jane Land was born in Grayling, the daughter of George and Edna Land. She attended Kalamazoo Central High School. She married Arnold Babbitt, July 28, 1945. She was a meticulous homemaker and generous caregiver. She was sought out for her knitting.

She was preceded in death by her husband Arnold, who died May 22, 2000. She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by children, William Babbitt (fiancé, Laurie) of Comstock, Connie A. Strayer of Mattawan, Cathy L. (Robert) Jensen of Mattawan and Diane (William) Murray of Grand Rapids; her sisters, Margueta VanderHoef of California, Eleanor Dunnington of Texas, Georgianna Moorlag of Otsego and Elva Kennealy of Kalamazoo; a very special niece, Mary Ann Olson of Kalamazoo; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

As she wished, cremation has taken place. A combined memorial service with her husband, Arnold, was held Thursday, June 8 at Mt. Everest Memorial Cemetery chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Kalamazoo Hospice, 301 Cedar Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006.

Roy O. Gunderson

Roy O. Gunderson, 87, a former resident of Grayling, died Monday, June 26, 2000.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalind, on January 9, 2000.

He is survived by step-daughter, Peggy (Arnold) Baxendale; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Margaret Wrigeling; and niece Loraine Holte.

Inurnment will be at Lutheran Cemetery in Suttons Bay.

The memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Fisher Funeral Home of Redford Township.

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and

Viola L. Middleton
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Lou's widow, Mary Middleton,
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Margaret L. Tackett

Mar 5, 1923 - Jun 23, 2000

Margaret Louise Tackett, 77, of Dover, Florida, died Friday at her daughter's home in Frederic.

The former Margaret Harrison was born in Jackson, Ohio, the daughter of John and Lonie (Mahaffey) Harrison. She married William M. Tackett, Sr. January 8, 1940 in Jackson, Ohio. She was a meticulous homemaker and generous caregiver. She was sought out for her knitting.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband William, who died August 22, 1989.

She is survived by four daughters, Margie (Floyd) Montie of Kentucky, Marie Lyon of Willis, Faye (Woody) Lafferty of Frederic, and Georgie (Bob) Lafferty of Mancelona; three sons, Bill (Barbara) Tackett of Dunnellon, Florida, Muri (Sara) Tackett of Elajay, Georgia, and John (Karen) Tackett of Tampa, Florida; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and four sisters.

Funeral services were held June 27 at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Chaplain Karen Henderlong officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery, Plant City Florida.

Memorials to the family would be appreciated.

Arrangements by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc.

Sallyann E. Schram

Jul 22, 1932 - Jun 10, 2000

Sallyann E. Schram, 67, of Rochester Hills, died Saturday, June 10.

Ms. Schram was born in Grayling, the daughter of Leo and Ruth (Chamberlain) Schram. She was an accredited records technician at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac for 35 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her sister, Donna Phifer of Rochester Hills; nephew, Fred (Carole) Phifer of Waterford; niece, Julie (Andrew) Fisher of Ortonville; two great-nieces and two great-nephews.

A memorial service was held June 16 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rochester Hills. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements were made by the Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Lapeer.

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Daniel K. Wakeley

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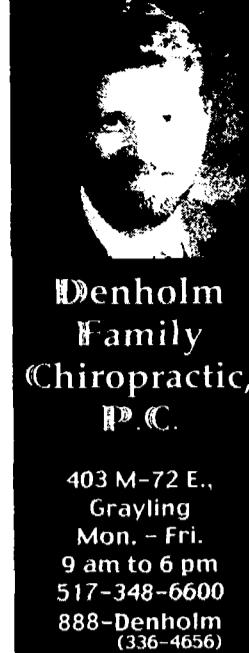
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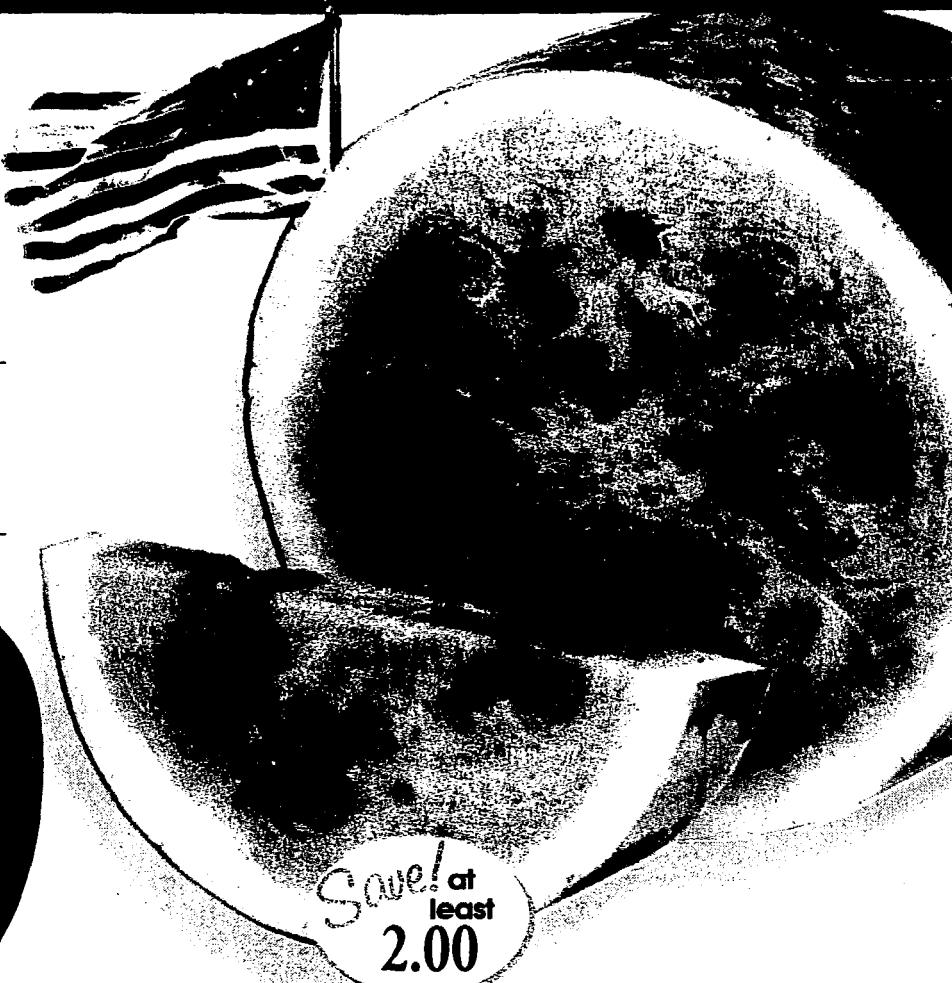


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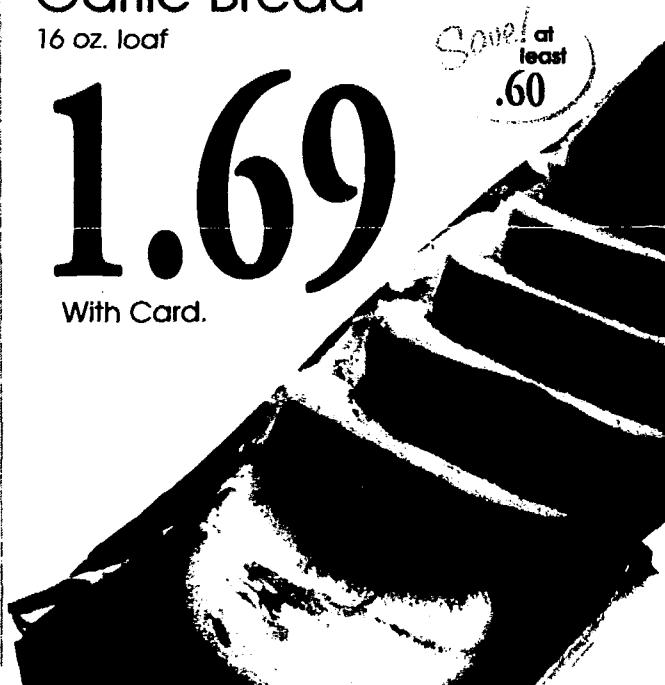
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Golf outing helps raise funds for MDA



(Left to right) Charlie Fick, one of the Muscular Dystrophy Golf Outing sponsors, Corinna Campbell, MDA District Director, and event organizer Mike Lesko of Fick & Sons. Citgo is a national MDA sponsor.

► 1st annual golf event raises \$7,000 to help fight muscular dystrophy

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Thirty-six three-person teams competed in a charity golf event last Friday, helping to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) while enjoying a great day out on the golf course.

At the 1st annual Muscular Dystrophy Golf Outing, held at the Grayling Country Club, \$7,000 was raised to help the MDA with muscular dystrophy research, clinic visits, support groups, camps, and wheelchairs. (Muscular dystrophy is a disease that causes "progressive muscle deterioration.")

The golf outing took the form of a three-person scramble. In a golf scramble, each team member hits a ball, then the team chooses the "best" shot. From the spot of the "best" shot, the team members each hit their next ball.

Closest to the pin, longest drive, and longest putt contests were all held on various holes during the event. After 18 holes, the golfers sat down to an awards dinner, at which drawings were held for several prizes (donated by local businesses), including a three-day fishing trip to Canada.

The muscular dystrophy golf event was coordinated locally by Mike Lesko, Marketing Director for Fick & Sons, with help from other local volunteers.

"They did an outstanding job organizing and recruiting golfers for the event," said Corinna Campbell, MDA District Director.

Event organizers plan to hold the muscular dystrophy golf event annually in Grayling on the last Friday in June.



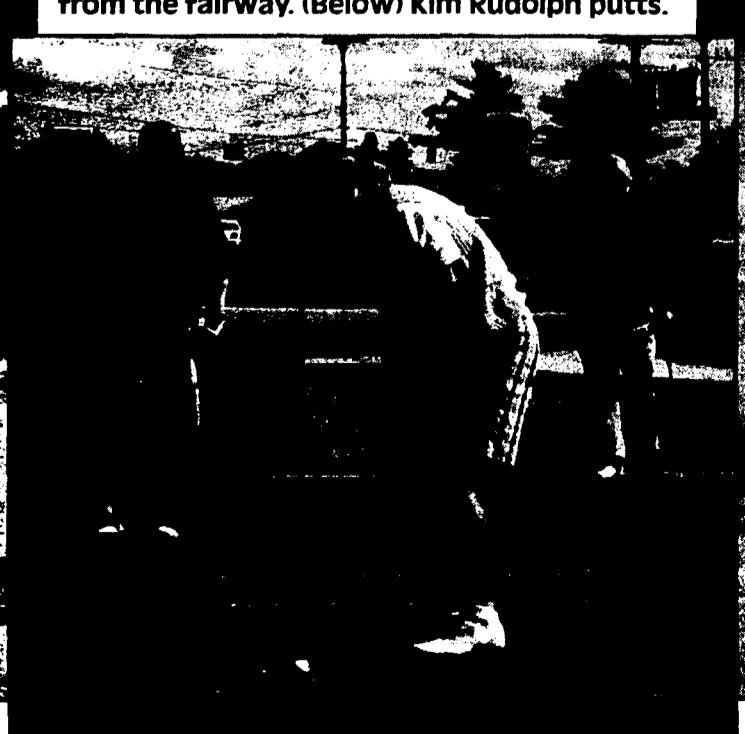
Photos by Caleb Casey
Mike Lesko puts from the fringe at last Friday's Muscular Dystrophy Golf Outing. The event, which was held at the Grayling Country Club, netted \$7,000 for the MDA.



Above, left) Wendy Kucharek tees off on the first hole. (Above, right) Brian Conklin hits from the fairway. (Below) Kim Rudolph puts.



Mike Birch prepares to tee off on hole #1.



(Above) Jo An Phillips puts in on hole #1.

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Walleye fishing is slowly picking up on Margrethe. For bass, try moving into 4-8 feet of water and fishing with leeches near the docks and boats. Fishing conditions should improve as the hex hatch continues to diminish.

Hargrove Lake has been yielding a few panfish. Try fishing Hargrove

for blue gill in the early evening until dark.

(Information courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop.)

RIVERS: There are some great opportunities right now to catch some big trout. Most trophy fish are caught this time of year.

Hex flies are hatching in good numbers on many stretches of river, especially the AuSable main stream and South Branch.

There are not quite as many hex on the Manistee. There are still brown drakes hatching upstream.

Try fishing with caddis early, and use mayflies at night.

There are a wide variety of stoneflies and caddis hatching.

Terrestrials are starting. Try an ant, beetle, or grasshopper pattern. Rubberlike patterns may also be effective.

For more information regarding current hatches and river conditions, call The Fly Factory's 24-hour "hatchline" at (517) 348-7108, or visit: www.troutburns.com

(Information courtesy of The Fly Factory.)

COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies League

Wednesday morning golfers have been very fortunate, as we had another great day for golfing on June 21.

The consensus in the clubhouse, though, was that while the day was great their playing was "pitiful," but I'm not so sure.

In Flight A, Connie Gates had a low net of 28 and low puts of 13.

In Flight B, Norma Olsen had a

low net of 33 and Sally McNamara had low puts of 14.

In Flight C, Jane Haller had a low net of 33, while Gloria Neilson had low puts of 16.

In Flight D, Evie Kent and Thelma Madsen tied for low net of 33 and there was a three-way tie for low puts of 16 between Thelma Madsen, Pauline Petrosky, and Ricki Stahl.

On hole #11, Evie Kent had a birdie and Connie Gates did the

same on #13. There were two chip-ins today and those were by Jody Hinkle on #15 and Judy Johnston on #18.

Thelma Madsen won the golf "shoe bag covers" for the longest putt on #18.

Now, does all that sound "pitiful" to you? I don't think so.

After a nice lunch of chicken, macaroni and cheese, and salads we all went off to enjoy the day.

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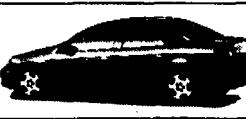
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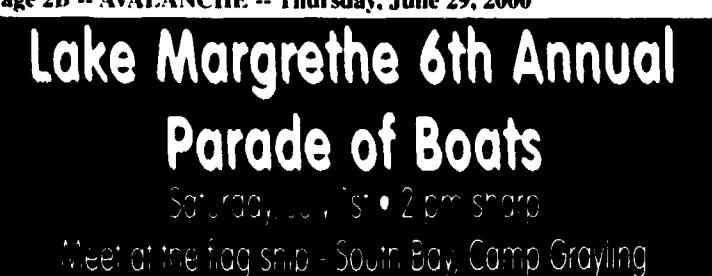
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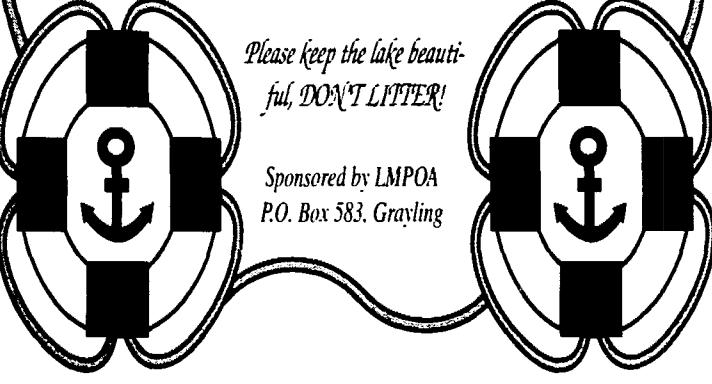


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Local basketball player scores 18 in All-Star game

► Nate Hinkle plays in Coaches Association of Michigan All-Star Game in Brighton

Local basketball player Nate Hinkle, a recent graduate of GHS, played in the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan A/B Boys All-Star Game this past Saturday at Brighton High School.

Hinkle scored 18 points in the

match, including a two-handed slam dunk and a variety of two-pointers and three-pointers.

Hinkle's team, the "White All-Stars," defeated the "Black All-Stars" 122-121 in double overtime.

The White All-Stars were led by

Thomas Dillard, who scored 30 points and was named the White Team's MVP. Dillard has signed to play basketball at the University of Detroit.

The Black All-Stars were led by Michigan's "Mr. Basketball,"



Nate Hinkle (back row, second from right), got some hometown support at the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan A/B Boys All-Star Game in Brighton this past Saturday from the GMS 7th and 8th grade basketball players.



Photos courtesy of Mary Hinkle

At the All-Star game in Brighton, Hinkle hangs out with GHS basketball coaches Butch Hayes (left) and Rich Moffit (right).

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Players who participated in the game were selected by a panel of high school coaches.

"Nate played great in a great game," said Rich Moffit, varsity basketball coach at GHS. "It was neat to see him out there with great players like Marcus Taylor and Eugene Seals. Nate showed that he deserved to be there with his performance. He got the crowd going with his dunk and threes. He made the Grayling community proud."

Marcus Taylor, who scored 38 points in the All-Star match, will play for Michigan State University.

Hinkle played well enough to be chosen as an alternate for the Wendy's Classic, which will be played at Wright State University in July. The Wendy's Classic features All-Stars from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

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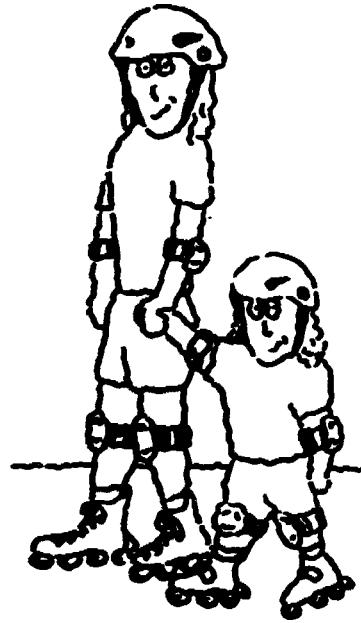
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JUNE 24 — Frank Seder of Alger proved he had earned the title of "Fastest Late Model" with a qualifying time of 12.55 seconds when he crossed the finish line in first place during the Late Model Outlaw feature.

Brent Banning in the Late Model #09 grabbed the lead early and stayed there until the final four laps when Seder claimed the top honors. Banning had built up a sizable lead over the second place finisher for most of the race. When he started battling through lapped traffic, his lead began to dwindle. In the meantime, Seder was on the move to the front. Starting in seventh position, Seder had moved up to third at the halfway mark.

"I started running a little different line in the corners," said Seder, the season points leader with 241 points, after the win. The new line was the fast lane in the Outlaw feature event. Seder admitted the lapped traffic

caused Banning to lose his rhythm. "Usually, I'm pretty good in lapped traffic," Seder said.

Banning is taking notes on how to get through lapped traffic quickly. "Any time you run with Frank, you can bet your bottom dollar he's going to finish ahead of you or try," Banning said. After Seder passed him, Banning was eager to reclaim it. I wanted it back so bad. I almost lost it in turns one and two. Banning admitted. The mistake cost him second place as Matt Sprague of Twin Lake moved by the struggling Banning into second.

Joe Johnson of Gaylord gave race fans a show during the semi-feature event in the Late Model Outlaw division. Johnson started on the front row, but that didn't keep him from passing half the field as he led the way to the checkered flag. Johnson ended the race with fifth place finisher Davey Hartman of Newaygo in front of him and half a lap ahead of second place

finisher Bruce Vance of Midland. John McDonald and Rich Neiser finished third and fourth, respectively. During the heat races, Johnson started on the back row and powered his way to the checkered flag. Other heat wins went to Mark Pomranky and Chad Foster. Eric Chant won the Fast Four Dash ahead of Matt Sprague, Frank Seder and Rail Rokos.

Banning wasn't able to hold onto his sizable lead in the Late Model Feature, but he didn't have any problems during the Michigan Modified feature driving his #99 modified. Banning claimed the lead in the Modified feature with 21 laps to go. Every time he began to pull away from the rest of the track and build up a sizable lead, the caution flag would fly. At one point Banning had a full straight away over Dave Hadfield Jr. running in second place. During the last lap of the feature, Banning had first place tied up, but second place was a three way battle.

Hadfield was on the inside with Joey Fowler in the middle and Bob Hutson on the outside. In turn four, Hadfield gets tangled with a tire marking the inside of the track allowing Hutson to move into second at the checkered flag. Fowler picked up third and Hadfield finished in fourth. Banning is leading the points championship with 205 points. Hadfield is in second in the points battle at 180 points, just one more than third place Bob Kingen.

Semi-feature wins in the Modified class went to Lake City brothers Daniel VanHartsma in the #5V and Willard VanHartsma in the #13V. Willard VanHartsma started the C-main in the middle of the pack, but moved to the front quickly. In the B-main, Dan VanHartsma claimed the lead early. He stayed there through several cautions all the way to the

checkered flag. Shane Sattler in the #55 spun like a top in turn four with 10 laps to go. Tony Duddles hit him hard as Dave Schram dumped fluid on the track. Dan VanHartsma pulled away from the rest of the field after the restart leaving Bill Oliver and Steve Anderson to battle for second.

Heat wins in the Michigan Modified class went to Brent Banning, Steve Anderson, Dan VanHartsma, Louie Peterson and Allen Markel. Mark Kurth of Gaylord won the Fast Four Dash followed by Greg Wangler, Dave Hadfield Jr. and Joey Fowler.

Defending Pro Truck Track Champion, Matt Saxton claimed the feature win in the Pro Truck Division placing him firmly in the lead in the points race with 210 points. Ronnie Hill is second in the points championship with 191 points. Saxton hooked up on the outside of the track and pulled away from the rest of the field. Russ Hacker in the 555 headed to the pits after his truck put out an enormous amount of smoke in the last half of the feature event.

"I just played it a little cooler, a little calmer," said Saxton. In second place in the feature event for the Pro Trucks, Larry Ranson in the 51 machine. Larry Branham finished in third and Hill in fourth. Heat wins went to Bob Luizzo and Larry Ranson. Hill won the fast four dash over Saxton, Branham and Tom Kushmaul.

Alex Andrash of Lake City was on the move early in the Street Stock feature. Andrash made his way up through the field from 16th starting position to fourth with 15 laps left in the feature event when something broke. Andrash headed for the pits while Dave DeKam of Falmouth reclaimed his fourth place position and set his sites on the checkered

DeKam caught up with the top three drivers, who had pulled away while DeKam and Andrash were battling. Leon Bidoul of Harrison started to pull away from Elmo Skids running in second. DeKam moved to the outside and challenged Steve Zakraksek for third. After grabbing third, DeKam continues on the outside to claim second from Skids and onto grab first from Bidoul. Once in the lead, DeKam starts to pull away from the rest of the field leaving a three way battle for second place in his wake. Zakraksek gets a firm grip on second place, but Bidoul and Dale Benton battle for third right up to the checkered flag. Bidoul claims third by inches over Benton.

Brad Siddall of Manton and Dave Crawford of Winn took home the checkered flag wins in the B-main and C-main of the Street Stock division. Heat wins went to Chris Brindley of West Branch, Bob Green of Kingsley, Dave DeKam of Falmouth and Mark MacNeill of Barton City.

DeKam is leading the points championship in the Street Stock division with 209 points. Robert Hammar of Cadillac is sitting second in points with 192. Steve Zakraksek of Williamsburg is in third with 178 points.

The Mid Season Championships will be Saturday, July 1. It will be fan appreciation night so be sure to bring your camera and autograph book. Fans will be able to meet their favorite drivers and see the racers up close before the races begin. After the races, Merritt Speedway will celebrate the Fourth of July a little early with a fireworks show.

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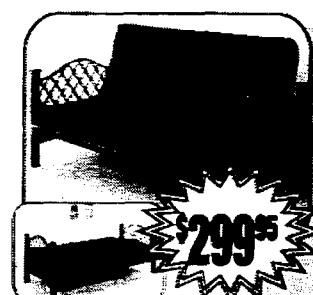
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Quilt shop celebrates 20th anniversary

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The original icehouse on Norway Street was once a spot for cold storage of Grayling's ice supply during

the days without refrigerators. A much "warmer" business has occupied the premises since 1980 in the form of The Icehouse Quilt Shop.

On Saturday, June 17 owners

Dave and Jill Wyman celebrated 20 years in the quilting and quilt supply business by hosting a hot dog lunch outside of the store to thank loyal customers and the Grayling commu-

nity for all of their support.

The Icehouse Quilt Shop, which was named one of the top ten quilt shops in the nation by *Better Homes and Gardens*, is filled with fabric, accessories, patterns and lots of great quilting ideas. Customers come from all over the world to gain quilting knowledge and shop for quality supplies.

The Wymans spent months remodeling the building to develop it into a retail store that is the essence of Americana, expressing the couple's love of antiques. The Icehouse is also a specialty gift shop, offering special food items, candles, lamps, furniture and a variety of old-fashioned toys.

More information about The Icehouse Quilt Shop and its newsletter, classes offered and special events can be found on the Internet at: www.theicehousequiltshop.com, or call the store at (517) 348-4821.



Photo by Cheryll Ruley
Icehouse Quilt Shop owners Dave and Jill Wyman shared the celebration of 20 years in business with their many loyal customers and friends on June 17 with a hot dog lunch topped off with a piece of an exquisite strawberry shortcake made by Deb Stevens.



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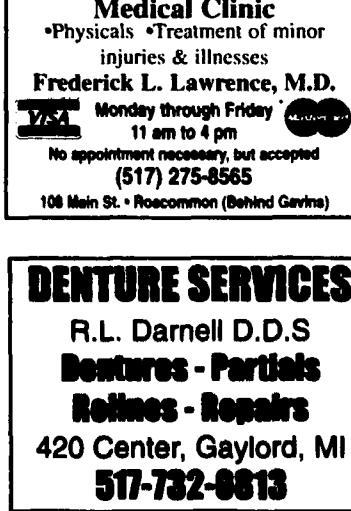
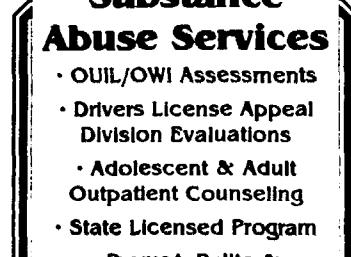
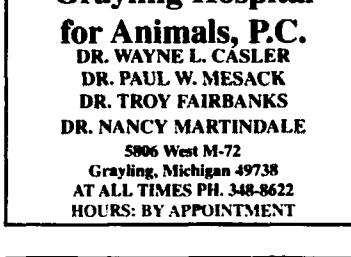
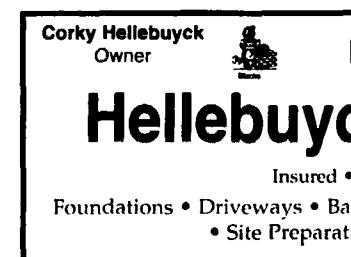
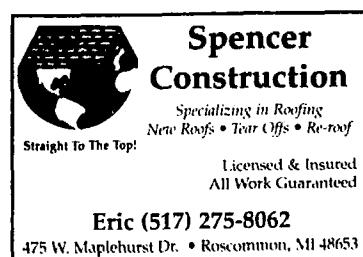
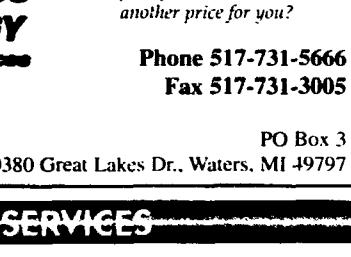
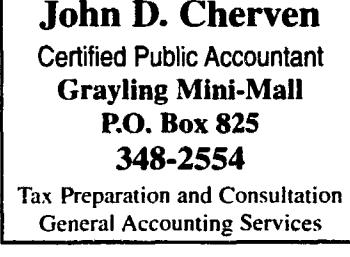
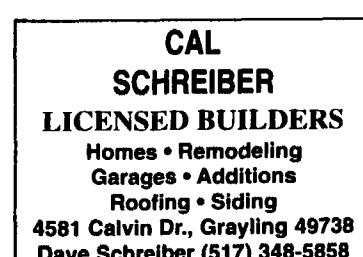
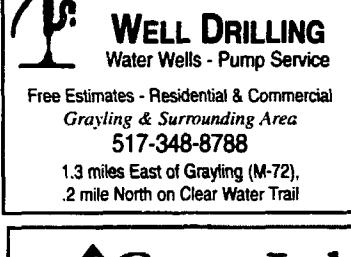
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Local trucking school gives away scholarship

by Danielle McGillis

Staff Writer

Gaylord resident Pat Cobb was the lucky winner of the International Trucking School's Scholarship give-away.

The drawing was held over the weekend of Charlie's 1st Annual Truck Show. The scholarship is worth almost \$4,000 and covers a five week training session mandatory to drive a tractor trailer.

Pat, a factory worker, has always wanted to drive trucks and said he is excited about his new venture. His wife and their six children said they are very enthused as well.

Pat will begin the training course Friday. The program consists of 206 hours of education. Classroom time amounts to about 104 hours with an additional 30 hours of independent study and 44 hours of driving.

Upon completion of the course, Pat hopes to work for Swift Transportation. Another scholarship drawing will be held in September at the truck show in St. Ignace.



Photo by Danielle McGillis

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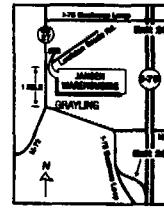
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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

HAROLD L. STARKWEATHER, Plaintiff

EDWARD J. MUSIAL and MARGARET
STARKWEATHER Defendants

File No. 00-5079-CH(D)

BRABANT & MANNIKO, PLLC
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123
Attorney for Plaintiff
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-4365

AMENDED ORDER TO ANSWER

On the 4th day of February, 2000, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to quiet title against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: A parcel of land bounded by and included within a line Commencing at a point which is 40 rods South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, thence running West 40 rods, thence South 10 rods, thence East 40 rods, thence North 10 rods to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the Defendants' EDWARD J. MUSIAL and MARGARET STARKWEATHER, addresses are unknown, and that therefore service upon Defendants of the Summons and copy of the Complaint in this action cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendants can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, EDWARD J. MUSIAL and MARGARET STARKWEATHER, shall file their answer with the Court and serve a copy of their answer on the law offices BRABANT & MANNIKO, PLLC, by Gerard F. Brabant, Attorney for Plaintiffs, whose address is 241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35, Roscommon, MI 48653, or take such other

action as may be permitted by law on or before the 31st day of July, 2000. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendants, EDWARD J. MUSIAL and MARGARET STARKWEATHER, for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County Avalanche.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted once each week for four (4) weeks in the Crawford County Building.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted at the above described parcel of land at a location visible from the nearest public road and access.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within 14 days from the date of entry of this Order.

Date of Order: 6/12/00
Honorable Alton T. Davis (P24472)
Circuit Court Judge

-22-29-6

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gertrude Wakeley and Kary L. Mosher joint tenants, and not as tenants in common with full rights of survivorship (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank (f/k/a Grayling State Bank) Mortgagee, dated May 1, 1996, and recorded on May 15, 1996 in Liber 411 on Page 290, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 94/100 dollars (\$19,375.94), including interest at 10.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at

public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 9, 2000.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Southwest 80 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, Roffee's Addition and Northeast 40 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 1, 2000

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THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by RICHARD D. L-BULEY, a single man, whose address is 2751 West M-72 East, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated August 26, 1983 and recorded August 26, 1983 in Liber 218 in Crawford County Records on Pages 196, 197, 198 and 199, such Mortgage being given to secure a Promissory Note payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of

EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE AND 00/100 (\$84,595.00) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative:

Now, Therefore, Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the County Building in the City of Grayling, Michigan, which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 8.75% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

Lot 9, Block 22, ROFFEE'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is to be abandoned pursuant to MCL #600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: June 15, 2000

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, F/K/A THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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-1-8-15-22-29

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MORTGAGE SALE - Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Donald E. Forbes, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated and recorded on March 30, 1995 in Liber 392 on pages 83 to 86 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Nine and 09/100 (\$54,559.09) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on July 26, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 8.75% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

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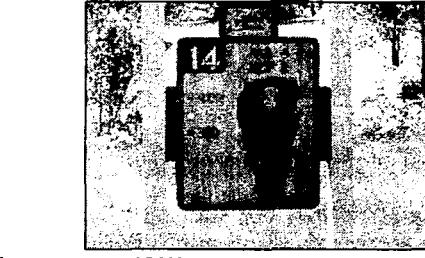
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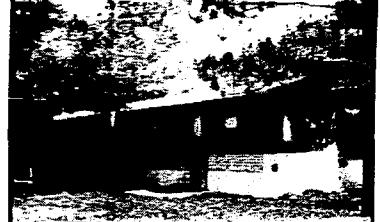
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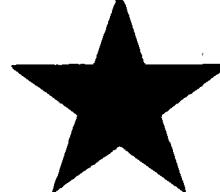
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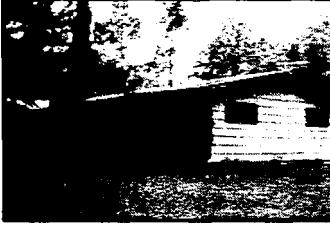
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HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of July 2-8

Aries March 21-April 20

It's time to come up with a master plan and figure out your career goals. Fight the urge to procrastinate. Working on small projects around the house, especially in the garden, will help give you a sense of purpose. Trust your instincts.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Committed Taurus is hard at work while coworkers are enjoying summer vacations. Do not allow jealousy to get the best of you. This is your time to shine. Diligence and attention to detail may be rewarded.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Exploring your past may help you face the future. Look for a tranquil place to daydream about romance. Emerald green grass beckons. Give in. Take a blanket and a journal, and recapture childhood dreams on paper.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Become a person of value. Stand up for what's right at work even though it may be unpopular. Learn to put your foot down when people are unreasonable. True friends will stand by you during this difficult time.

Leo July 23-August 23

Your generosity is put to the test on Wednesday. If you have the time, patience and money, help out family members. With determination and fortitude, you can help those less fortunate. Your deeds will not go unnoticed.

Virgo August 24-September 22

The highly organized Virgo travels extensively this week, both for work and play. Pay special attention to personal grooming on the 5th. When you least expect it, a huge professional opportunity will come your way.

Libra September 23-October 23

You find peace in observing nature this week. Speak out. Share your opinions with others. You have a lot more in common than you originally thought. You are prone to a back injury this week. Use good sense in lifting a heavy object.

Scorpio October 24-November 22

Step out on faith and jump right into a cycle of success, particularly in real estate. Pressure may have you stressed out, especially on the 7th. Find a new way to relax. A long swim could help clear your mind and relieve anxiety.

Sagittarius November 23-December 21

An adventurous spirit may be too much for even eccentric friends to handle. They want summertime relaxation. You want to conquer the world. Watch how you express your opinions. They may be misinterpreted by those closest to you.

Capricorn December 22-January 20

Scare away legal monsters with your surefootedness and thorough research. Those who saw you as conservative and cautious are awed by your spirit. Remain cool. Keep your emotions in check until you do your homework.

Aquarius January 21-February 18

Play up your wild, dramatic side, but think before you act, even if admirers want an encore. Scheduling downtime is a must. Pay special attention to recurring thoughts about getting back to the basics, especially on the 7th.

Pisces February 19-March 20

Foreign films and classical music take you out of the summer sun and help combat physical stress. Pay special attention to children. They are looking for attention and praise this week—not criticism.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago June 30, 1977

Robert Kelly, executive vice-president of Bear Archery said that the next meeting of the stockholders of Victor Comptometer Corp. may reveal the future of Bear Archery Co. He also confirmed that the Cincinnati Sixth Court of Appeals has denied the petition for appeal made by UAW Local 1903.

The Crawford AuSable School Board was told Monday night that it is now facing a liability suit that is over 20 years old. In 1955, a board employee died on the job and at that time a claim involved with the Workman's Compensation Board was denied. The man's widow has now filed a lawsuit.

The quick actions of Brian Southard and Doug Dumas of St. Clair Shores and the quick response of the DNR trucks helped keep a fire from spreading Monday afternoon. The boys were driving south on McMasters Bridge Rd when they smelled smoke. They investigated and notified county supervisor George Rybicki who in turn notified the Sheriff's Dept. and the DNR. Meanwhile the boys borrowed a shovel and went down the west edge of the fire to keep it from spreading. The fire was stopped within a few hundred yards of three homes.

Marlin Friske aced number 3 hole at the Grayling Country Club last Wednesday afternoon.

On June 26, Keith Rich got a hole-in-one at Burning Oaks Country Club. This is only his second time out in about eight years and his first hole-in-one ever.

Marilyn G. Longworth has been named Woman of the Year by the Grayling Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

The search begun by two men who came to Grayling to find a mysterious set of mounds believed to have held artifacts of unknown origin is over. Arthur J. Wakeley led them directly to the site where the

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Penne with Tomatoes & Feta Cheese

8 oz. uncooked penne pasta
1 can (14 1/2 oz.) diced tomatoes in juice, drained
1/3 cup ripe olives, halved
1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar
roasted garlic
1/4 cup chopped basil or Italian parsley
2 tbsp. olive oil
1/2 tsp. each salt and fresh-ground pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup (4 oz.) crumbled feta cheese

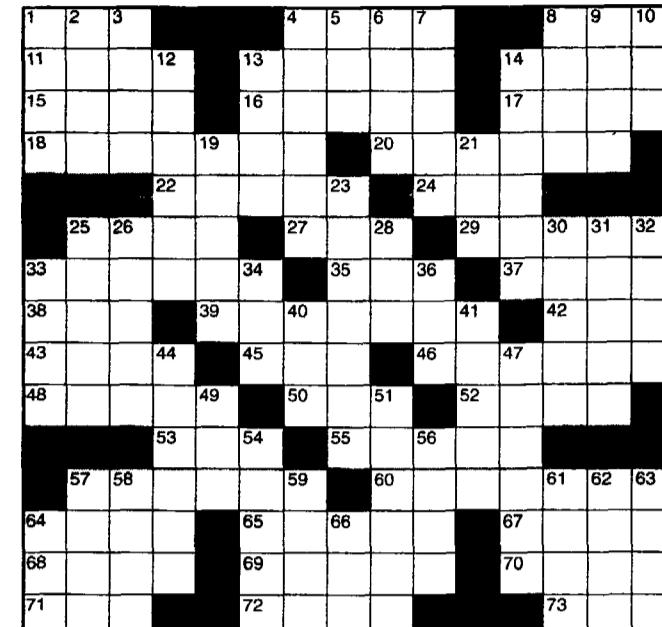
Cook pasta as package directs; drain and keep warm. In a large bowl, stir together tomatoes, olives, seasoned rice vinegar, basil, oil, salt, pepper and garlic. Add pasta and cheese; toss well. Serve warm or at room temperature. Garnish with additional basil, if desired. Serves 4 as a meatless main dish or 8 as a side dish. Total preparation and cook time: 20 minutes.



HOME NEEDED - Male Dalmatian, approximately 2 years old and very friendly. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

JUNE IS ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH!

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. You're Getting to Habit with Me (2 wds.)
4. Exclamation of relief
6. Bones
11. "The Art of Love" poet
13. Petrarch's inspiration
14. Spydom surname
15. Change over
16. Torpid
17. Egyptian sun god
18. Scared stiff
20. Arguments
22. Jason's enchantress
24. Bear or bunny
25. "___ is that music..." (Keats)
27. Dirt road feature
29. Kingdom
33. Editor Steinem
35. Prevent speech
37. Leo's sound
38. Marker letters
39. Graduate
42. Pumpernickel's kin
43. Hold firmly
45. Supplement, with "out"
46. Coined
48. Teen girls' mag
50. Aim
52. Lacrimal product
53. Poetic contraction
55. Bracing quaff
57. State of extreme lethargy
60. Some chickens
64. Boor
65. Jewish teacher
67. Over again
68. Clinton's third choice for A.G.
69. Pamper
70. Gossip purveyor Barrett
71. Homage
72. School attended by Prince William
73. Evening Shade paper boy
74. Sham
75. Drink of the gods
76. Slangy agreement
77. Generic horse
78. Like the Vikings
79. Hammer's target
80. Husky's load
81. Stress of voice
82. Oblivious to all else
83. Presently
84. Appetizing reading
85. Gob
86. "Magnon" character
87. To Kill a Mockingbird character

DOWN

1. Half of a Pacific island
2. Dareddevil name
3. 1953 Loren film
4. Stray
5. Color
6. Slips, morally
7. Stop or pocket follower
8. Blind (Bruce Willis film)
9. Winged youth
10. Andy Gump's wife
11. Window type
12. Falsified
13. Dry cleaner's freebie

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS



SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

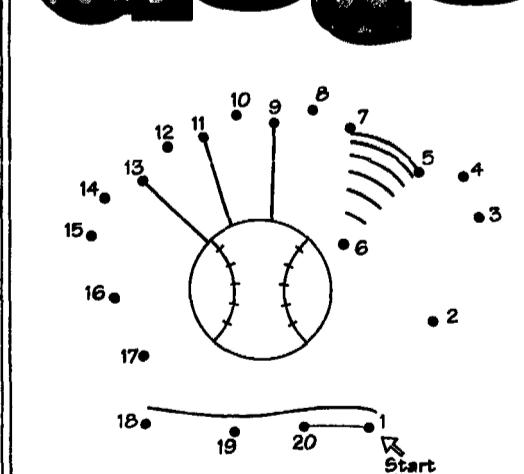
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THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Precip.
6/20	72	58	0.19"
6/21	78	58	0.12"
6/22	70	47	0.05"
6/23	80	47	0.02"
6/24	78	60	
6/25	83	57	0.01"
6/26	77	53	0.88"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather: Wednesday - partly cloudy with a high near 75. Thursday - mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, a low near 55 and a high in the low 70s. Friday - partly cloudy, a low near 55 and a high in near 80. Saturday - partly cloudy, a low in the upper 50s and a high in the upper 70s.

AUTO TECHNICIAN GM heavy engine and transmission auto technician needed. Must be state certified and have own tools. Factory training a plus but not necessary. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Friendly, professional working environment. Plenty of work available. Sign-on bonus to right applicant. Call Dave Petrie, Service Manager, at Scheer Motors in Grayling, Michigan, 517-348-5451 for interview appointment. (3/2/00tf/3)

I CHARGE BY THE JOB not by the hour. Raking, mowing, landscaping, painting cutting wood, stacking wood, hauling, etc. 517-348-5081 (-8-15-22-29/4)

LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDER has full and part-time openings from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Food program, FIA approved. Located in the city of Grayling. Call Kate at 517-344-1048. (3/30/00tf/4)

THINK CONCRETE Drives, walk, patios and floors, 27 years experience. Call 517-275-5082. Free estimates. (4/20/00tf/4)

DLC ENTERPRISES Excavating and hauling all types of odd jobs. 517-348-2753 (-8-15-22-29/4)

HOUSE PAINTING inside or out. Experienced, 517-348-8829 or 517-348-2366. (-29/4)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

MILLTOWN FENCE CO. For commercial or residential needs contact The Fencing Experts at 517-348-9188 for a free estimate. (LR9/28/00/4)

TRENCHING Surface water control utility lines, foundation walls, general contractor. Honor Construction. 517-275-4842. (LR9/7/00/4)

PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS Rogers Piano Service, Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience. (517) 848-2262. (3/19/91tf/4)

LAWN SERVICE Mowing, yard work, spring and fall clean up. 517-348-7456. (-29/4)

Non secure detention homes needed - Boysville of Michigan, Inc. a licensed child placing agency, is seeking a family or couple interested in caring for teenage youth in a short term (up to 30 days) program in an intensively structured and supervised home environment. Prefer families and couples with previous foster care experiences. Stay home and earn a good income. If interested, please call 1-800-235-9664 and ask for the home developer.

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SMOKE CHEAPER \$15.45 a carton. Quality native tobacco. Write PO Box 301, Frederic, MI 49733 or call 517-348-4520. (-29-6/5)

ALL HAND CARVED PINE Full size bed frame, 29 x 17 1/2 x 38" table and three chairs. Also 70" Hide-A-Bed and recliner. 517-348-1989 (-22-29/5)

STARCRAFT 16 FOOT fiberglass sailboat, unsinkable, with trailer and aluminum boat lift. Excellent condition. \$3,000. 517-344-1022 (-29/5)

1 1/2 ALUM OPEN bow fishing boat. 70 H.R. Merc 7 1/2 HP Merc elec troll motor, fish finder, marine radio, ready to go. Fishing. 517-348-2613. (-29/5)

CABIN LOGS 6" and 7", milled two sided, peeled, \$3.50 a foot. Call 517-348-7893. (-29-6/5)

1980 TIARA PURSUIT with trailer, 23' inboard/outboard, cutty cabin with portajohn, wash down deck, canvas 3/4 top, 260 horse, \$6,500. Call 517-348-7893. (-29-6/5)

10 FT. PICK UP camper \$500. Okidata fax/copier \$500. Large six drawer office desk \$65. Portable Royal typewriter \$45. Hutch \$40. 517-348-9031 call evenings. (-29/5)

ALL NEW BEAUTIFUL queen pillow top mattress set/deluxe frame - was \$1,200 - sacrifice for \$350. Delivery/set-up/haul away available. 517-731-6255 (-15-22-29-6-13/5)

FOR SALE 12 ft. alum boat, motor and trailer. Husband deceased no longer need. 517-348-8363 or 517-348-9595 after 6 p.m. (-29/5)

SOFA, LOVE SEAT. Matching chair, plaid, green/blue/wine, \$250. Recliner, green, \$75. Square glass, brass, coffee table, \$65. Matching oriental style rug, \$40. All very nice. Call 517-348-1138. (-29/5)

AERO CRAFT Aluminum canoe, model Apache 17, good shape. \$300. 517-348-8336 (6/1/00tf/5)

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AKC ROTTWEILER PUPS \$250 Born April 26, 2000 Two males/three females, black and tan with good temperments. 517-348-5009 (-15-22-29/5)

1996 COACHMAN travel trailer, 36 ft. with Expando. Snowmobile trailer, holds two snowmobiles. 517-348-5275 (-22-29-6-13-20/5)

BROKEN ARROW LOG PRODUCTS We now have Cedar log gliders, love seats, chairs, and tables. Also, Arbors and trellises. Stop in and see our selection of Cedar products 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 pm. Wednesday through Sunday. Owner, Richard Brown, 517-344-0333. (6/22/00tf/5)

SKYLINE SKI & Country Club Springtime hours, open 12 noon, Thursday thru Sunday. Lunch and dinner specials daily. Just four miles south of Grayling off I-75. 517-275-5445 (5/4/00tf/5)

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LITTLE TYKES COTTAGE BED with mattress, \$50, 517-348-2330. (-29/5)

ROUGH SAWN LUMBER Oak and pine fence boards, kiln dried pine lumber. 517-348-9289 nights. (-15-22-29-6/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED Professional, Honest, and Hard Working Sheriff. Re-Elect Sheriff Dave Lovely August 8, 2000. Paid for by the Committee to Elect David Lovely, 111 Jeanette, Grayling, MI 49738. (-29/6)

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7. Miscellaneous

LOST Black and white Springer mix. Last seen in the area of Howes Lake Road. If found please call 517-348-4094. Dog is unable to hear. (-29/7)

FEMALE LAB FOUND in the McMasters Bridge area. 517-366-1870. (-29/7)

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8. Announcements

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THE GRAYLING Knights of Columbus has applications available for its Richard A. Lovely Memorial Scholarship. To qualify, a student must be a Junior or Senior in college with a 2.5 grade point average leading toward a degree in the student's chosen area. The applications may be picked up at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 604 Norway on Wednesdays between 4 and 5 p.m. Completed applications must be returned to the Knights of Columbus by July 15. (-29/6/8)

SOUP/SANDWICH/SALAD/DESSERT luncheon. Thursday, July 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \$4.50 per person. Take out available. Everyone welcome. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Michigan Ave. (-29/8)

COME JOIN THE FUN at the Plaza Bar. Karaoke every Friday and Saturday night at 9 p.m. (5/18/00tf/8)

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9. Personals

HOT DOG SALE to benefit Michael O'Connor and family will be held at Glens Market, Saturday, July 1, 2000 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (-29/9)

Happy 20th
Birthday
Papason

Love - Jamie & Stacie

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Thursday, Friday, 10-5, 305 Maple. Kitchen stoves, toys, books, much more. (-29/10)

MOVING SALE Furniture, snowblowers, pontoon, miscellaneous. Saturday - Monday, 9-5. 217 Alger Street. (-29/10)

GRAYLING COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL will accept donations for their Garage Sale. If you would like to donate items please call Brenda at 517-348-3223. (-29/10)

532 CRESCENT PLACE, Grayling Manor, two miles north of Grayling by airport. 30th and 1st, 10-4. (-29/10)

10. Garage Sales

LARGE GARAGE SALE Two family. June 30, July 1, 9-5. Tools, steel bath tub, miscellaneous. 147 Tamarack Circle, six miles west on 72 to Arrowhead, one mile to Tamarack Circle. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE 302 Park St., 9-5, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Dishes, baskets, bears, drapes, tools, bedding, lamps, more. (-29/10)

332 GOLINE RD. North Down River Rd., east 1.2 miles past Stephan Bridge. Friday afternoon thru Monday. (-29/10)

LOVELLS 7604 KP Lake Rd., July 1, 2, 3. Something for everyone. 612 East past Jones Lake to KP Lake Road, end of road 1 1/2 miles. (-22/29/10)

END TABLES, lamps, TV's, lots of miscellaneous. Saturday, July 1, 8:30-2:00 p.m. 603 Chestnut Street. (-29/10)

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